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Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.10	10.00	12.50	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35
Yuenai ...Dep.	8.45	8.10	8.15	10.05	12.55	1.20	2.40	3.05	4.40
Shatin ...Dep.	8.50	8.15	8.20	10.10	13.00	1.25	2.45	3.10	4.45
Taipei ...Dep.	9.00	8.25	8.30	10.20	13.10	1.35	2.55	3.20	4.55
Fanning ...Dep.	9.10	8.35	8.40	10.30	13.20	1.45	3.05	3.30	5.05
Shuanghui ...Dep.	9.20	8.45	8.50	10.40	13.30	1.55	3.15	3.40	5.15
Shamshui ...Dep.	9.30	8.55	9.00	10.50	13.40	2.05	3.25	3.50	5.25
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	9.05	9.10	11.00	13.50	2.15	3.35	4.00	5.35

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Canton ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.35	11.05	11.27	2.05	4.41	5.49	6.24
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.25	8.15	10.45	11.15	11.37	2.15	4.51	5.59	6.34
Shuanghui ...Dep.	7.35	8.25	10.55	11.25	11.47	2.25	5.01	6.09	6.44
Taipei ...Dep.	7.45	8.35	11.05	11.35	11.57	2.35	5.11	6.19	6.54
Fanning ...Dep.	7.55	8.45	11.15	11.45	12.07	2.45	5.21	6.29	7.04
Shatin ...Dep.	8.05	8.55	11.25	11.55	12.17	2.55	5.31	6.39	7.14
Yuenai ...Dep.	8.15	9.05	11.35	12.05	12.27	3.05	5.41	6.49	7.24
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.07	11.37	12.07	12.27	3.07	5.43	6.51	7.26

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Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	2.24	3.00
Yuenai ...Dep.	8.45	8.10	8.35	9.09	9.15	10.05	12.05	2.29	3.05
Shatin ...Dep.	8.50	8.15	8.40	9.14	9.20	10.10	12.10	2.34	3.10
Taipei ...Dep.	9.00	8.25	8.50	9.24	9.30	10.20	12.20	2.39	3.15
Fanning ...Dep.	9.10	8.35	9.00	9.34	9.40	10.30	12.30	2.49	3.25
Shuanghui ...Dep.	9.20	8.45	9.10	9.44	9.50	10.40	12.40	2.59	3.35
Shamshui ...Dep.	9.30	8.55	9.20	9.54	10.00	10.50	12.50	3.09	3.45
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	9.05	9.10	10.00	10.05	10.55	12.55	3.15	3.51

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton ...Dep.	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.05	5.00	5.34	5.58	6.34
Shamshui ...Dep.	8.15	10.44	11.19	11.47	2.15	5.10	5.44	6.08	6.44
Shuanghui ...Dep.	8.25	10.54	11.29	11.57	2.25	5.20	5.54	6.18	6.54
Taipei ...Dep.	8.35	11.04	11.39	12.07	2.35	5.30	6.04	6.28	7.04
Fanning ...Dep.	8.45	11.14	11.49	12.17	2.45	5.40	6.14	6.38	7.14
Shatin ...Dep.	8.55	11.24	11.59	12.27	2.55	5.50	6.24	6.48	7.24
Yuenai ...Dep.	9.05	11.34	12.09	12.37	3.05	6.00	6.34	6.58	7.34
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"STIGMATA" GIRL MYSTERY.

OBJECT OF PIETY.

Paris, September 28th.

The strange case of Theresa Neumann, the once blind and paralysed Bavarian peasant girl, whose stigmata, or miraculous marks on the body, have attracted thousands of visitors to her home in Konnersreuth, was discussed at to-day's meeting of the International Congress for Psychical Research at the Sorbonne.

A proposal will be made at the close of the congress to appoint an international committee to visit the girl at her home and investigate the whole matter.

Theresa Neumann, a nineteen-year-old peasant girl, became paralysed and blind soon after the war. Her sight and use of her limbs were suddenly restored in 1924, and since that time, according to those about her, the only food she has taken is the Host at her daily communion.

Tears Of Blood.

Every Friday, according to her relatives, she has wept tears of blood, while red marks, like the stigmata of St. Francis, appear on the palms of her hands, or her left side, and on her feet.

When the marks appear, her home is a place of pilgrimage for thousands from all over Germany and Czechoslovakia and other countries. German scientists, who have studied the case are of the opinion that the girl is a highly-sensitive medium, and that the stigmata are within the realm of psychic research.

Another case of stigmata which was discussed was that of Eleonora Zugan, a Rumanian orphan, known as the "Poltergeist Girl," who has visited London, Paris, and other capitals.

The National Laboratory of Psychical Research in England were deeply interested in her stigmata, but on one occasion it was claimed that she was discovered in circumstances indicating trickery.

"Poltergeist" means an unruly spirit.

"Spirits Exorcised."

Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, of Boston, an American psychiatrist, stated this afternoon that he had exorcised evil spirits from two patients, who he said suffered from the delusion of persecution.

Mrs. L., a middle-aged woman, insisted that the voice of her cousin, Marvin, who died two years before, continually reproached her for a letter she had written about him shortly before he died.

Dr. Prince appealed to the spirit and finally the voice said to Mrs. L.: "I died with resentful thoughts of you, but have now been helped by those about me." Mrs. L. has remained cured to this day, added the doctor.

Mr. T. was tormented by the spirit of a jealous friend, named Harlow, who "drove him to drink." Dr. Prince addressed the evil spirit, which automatically wrote: "Here I am, you. What do you want?" By trying similar means that he tried with Mrs. L., Dr. Prince helped his patient. At last the spirit was driven out of Mr. T., who was completely cured.

ANTI-PIRACY MEASURES ON THE COAST.

PATROL BOATS PUT INTO COMMISSION BY COAST-GUARD SERVICE.

News has come to hand that small patrol boats recently put into service on the boats of Fukien and Chekiang for the suppression of piracy, have successfully destroyed two nests of these brigands. A brief description of one of these cases has just come to hand and will no doubt provide pleasant reading for China coasters who have of late years suffered so severely at the hands of Chinese pirates.

It appears, from a radio-message, that on October 14th one of these small patrol boats whilst cruising

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TRADE UNIONS AND POLITICAL FUNDS.

"CONTRACTING IN"

LABOUR PARTY'S ANXIETY.

London, September 28th.

A strenuous campaign is proceeding within the trade unions for the preservation of the political fund.

New rules and new declaration forms are being handed to members, under the operation of the Trade Disputes Act, and members of all the large organisations are being implored to "contract in," so that funds may be available for the financing of candidates at the next General Election. The Parliamentary Labour Party is exceedingly anxious to prove that the new liberty of members has made no possible difference whatever, but inside the trade unions the difference is conspicuous already. The Labour party derives almost the whole of its income from the trade unions, and only 2919 out of a total of 233,712 in affiliation fees from the Socialist parties in the constituencies. A matter of 233,000 paid in affiliation fees is only a small proportion of the total political funds of the unions, for out of it their own candidates are financed, election agents are paid, and local affiliation fees are met.

No Enthusiasm For Political Fund.

The whirlwind campaign for one hundred per cent. membership of the political fund is not meeting with an enthusiastic response, so far it has fallen severely short of expectations. Members of the Miners' Federation, for example, are questioning seriously the supposed advantage of political activity. They reflect ruefully upon the distressful events of recent years, and the unfortunate mixing of political maxims with industrial efforts. So extensive has this questioning become that trade union history seems to be repeating itself in a reaction against political zeal being allowed to overwhelm trade interests. For the first time in many years the miners have an alternative, and the organisation which is competing with the Miners' Federation for membership holds out a pension fund instead of a political fund as an important advantage of membership.

In this respect the position of the miners differs from that of the other great forces of organised labour. In their cases, the membership remains within the unions, but discretion is being exercised about contracting in or out of the political fund. Not one of them has ever made such a fetish of political activity as have the miners, and not one of them has ever failed so conspicuously to meet the benefits provided in the rules as have those country associations of miners which constitute the Miners' Federation. The continuance of financial support from the trade unions under the new conditions is behind the grandiose programme of next week's Blackpool Conference. Given power from the workers, the Labour party promises Utopian schemes of family allowances, grants for school-children, free secondary education, adequate maintenance for all adults, a shorter working life, and an adequate pension. Anything to get the ordinary trade-unionist to continue his contributions and to sign the new covenant which is now going out in hundreds and thousands—"I hereby give notice that I am willing, and agree to contribute to the political fund."

off, the coast gave chase to a suspicious looking craft and engaged her in a running fight. The pirates immediately made for the coast near which they abandoned their junk and made for the shore. The junk was captured together with a large quantity of arms and ammunition and one notorious pirate was made prisoner.

These small patrol boats have recently been put into service by the Coastguard (Administration), and we feel sure that all mariners on the coast will join us in wishing them many similar successes in their future career.

It is interesting to note that the Coastguard Service also operates the Pratas Shoal Radio and Meteorological Station.—North China Daily News.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m.
24th annual general meeting of the Grand Hotel Des Wagons Lits. Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), noon.

Half-Yearly Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Hong Kong Club Annex, 12.30 p.m.

Scottish Company (H.V.D.C.) annual sports, Central British School ground, King's Park, 2 p.m.

European Y.M.C.A. Ramble to Shatin.

Cricket League:—Division I.: Chinese R.C. v. I.R.C. "A."

Division II.: University v. R.A.O.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Tamar.

Friendly Cricket: Interport Trial Match (H.K.C.C. ground); C.S.C.C. v. Royal Navy; Club de Recreo v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

Royal Naval v. C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

I.R.C. "B" v. Diocesan Boys' School.

Hockey: Annual match between H.K. Rugby Club and H.K. and S. Bank Rugby Football ground, Happy Valley, 4.30 p.m.

H.K. Football League:—Division I.: K.O.S.B. v. South China; Recreo v. Club; Kowloon v. R.A.F.; Queen's Regt. v. Police; Chinese Ath. v. R.A. Division II.: "A" v. South China "B"; K.O.S.B. v. St. Joseph's v. Kowloon; Club v. R.A.; Recreo v. University; South China "A" v. Chinese Ath. Division II. "B"; St. Joseph's v. South China "A"; Kowloon v. Chinese Ath.; Moslems v. South China "B"; Boy Scouts v. Kung Woo.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; and Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-8.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances at King Edward Hotel.

1st Tournament of Hong Kong Boxing Association, Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m.

"The Quaints" present "Oh Joy," Star Theatre, 8.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Tower of Lies."

World Theatre: "Madame Sans Gene."

Star Theatre: "Call of the Canyon" (matinee only).

Principal Mail:—Inward: Europe via Marseilles (Kashmir), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Szechuen), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.

29th Sunday after Trinity.

Kowloon Golf Club Championship (qualifying round).

Men's Golf Championship at Shek O Country Golf Club.

Yacht Club Cruise.

Cricket: Volunteers v. J. L. Young, 11 a.m.; University ground, Pokfulam, 11 a.m.

Tennis U.S.R.C. v. C.R.C. 3 p.m.

Theological Society: Lecture by Mr. Wei Tat, B.A., on "Confucianism," Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.

Social Gathering, St. John's Cathedral Hall, after Evensong (6 p.m.).

"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.—Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.

After dinner dance at Lee, Gardens.

"The Quaints" present "No, No, Nanette," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "So This Is Marriage."

World Theatre: "Along Came Ruth."

Star Theatre: "Looking For Trouble" (matinee only).

Principal Mail:—Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (President Jefferson), 10.30 a.m.

Monday.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; and Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30 to 8.30 p.m.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. K.O.S.B. 11.5 a.m.

Steel and Coulson's Billiard League: R.A. v. Warders; Queen's v. Revenue; D.R.C. v. Garrison Sigs. Mess; K.O.S.B. v. St. Patrick's Club; R.E. and R. Sigs. v. Vice.

Scottish Company (H.V.D.C.) Halloween Dinner, Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.

H.K. Male Voice Choir Rehearsal St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "So This Is Marriage."

World Theatre: "Along Came Ruth."

Star Theatre: "Looking For Trouble."

Principal Mail:—Outward: San Francisco and ports (Tenyo Maru), 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday.

Entries close for Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship, Jasper Clark Cup and Governor's Shield.

Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

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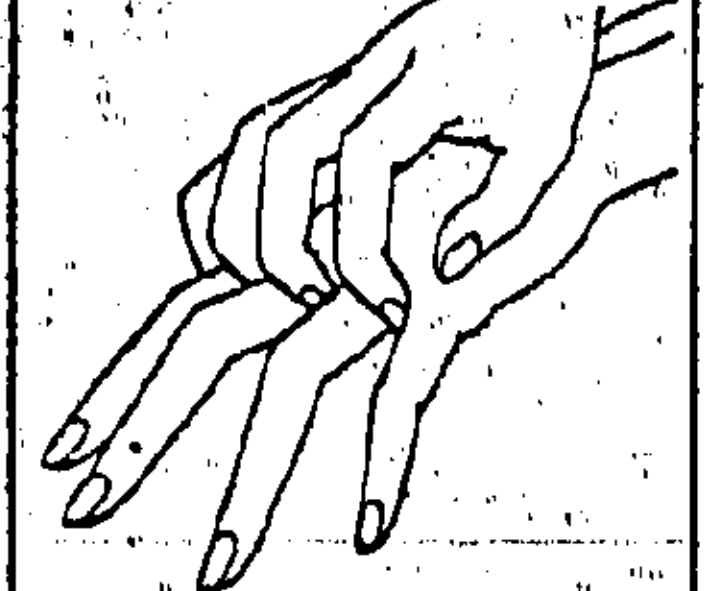
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TRADE TENDENCIES IN CHINA.

A HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

ENCOURAGEMENT DRAWN FROM HONG KONG.

[BY E. M. OUL, SECRETARY OF THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.]

While the details of the present commercial position in China are obscure, partly owing to the absence of statistics, but more because of the kaleidoscopic nature of Chinese politics, leading features are tolerably clear and in certain respects encouraging. The encouragement is to be found in the proof of resiliency furnished by the trade of Hong Kong and, to a lesser extent, by the figures of British exports of steel (other than sheet bars and tinplate bars) and textile machinery. Exports from the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland to Hong Kong for the first six months of this year are about 30 per cent. better than they were during the corresponding period of 1923, while the increase in the combined values of the items mentioned, calculated over the same period, is represented by about 28 per cent.

In view of the distinctly depressing information which must presently follow, the encouragement to be derived from these features has the somewhat negative character of comfort. In certain situations, however, the presence of comforting factors means more than mere compensation; it means a hopeful outlook. The Hong Kong figures show that, in spite of all the Colony has suffered, its commercial vitality remains unimpaired. Boycott and taxation have not succeeded in sapping it. Both are still embarrassing, but to a much less extent and in changed circumstances. If pickets at Canton are again interfering with British shipping and goods they are no longer the agents of a vast anti-British conspiracy. Eighteen months or so ago they had the Kuomintang behind them and men of the type of Eugene Chen. To-day Chen is a refugee in Moscow and the Kuomintang is disintegrating.

Position on The Yangtze.

This big change in the political situation is too recent for figures to show whether Chinese trade as a whole has begun to react to it. For the first six months of the year Customs returns show a decided drop. But just as Hong Kong's recovery began with the transference of the Kuomintang from South to Central China, so other things being equal, Shanghai may be expected to benefit as the Nationalist grip on the Yangtze weakens. Other things, unfortunately, are not yet equal. Trade on the Yangtze is to a large extent paralysed by financial chaos. There is an embargo on silver, and Hankow is flooded with notes that nobody wants.

Writing to his London office from Hankow on August 20th a correspondent says: "It is difficult to purchase cargo even with payment in Shanghai taels, simply because the dealers do not know in what practical form to change them in order to pay the countryman, who is naturally becoming shyer and shyer of accepting local bank notes. Silver will probably become the only medium, but there is an embargo on silver from Shanghai to Hankow and Kiukiang, apart from our own embargo here, so that business at any moment may be brought to a complete standstill."

The British banks have not yet found it possible to reopen and communication is difficult. Between Shanghai and Hankow shipping facilities are restricted; above Hankow they were until a few days ago to a large extent non-existent. The agreement made with the Nationalists for the Government of the British Concession is working badly and conditions of residence there are difficult and trying. The premises of at least one large British firm are still occupied by Chinese troops—or were on August 29th—and the psychology of the area is a compound of mistrust and foreboding.

Demand For Machinery.

The expansion of China's export of factory products of all kinds is worth noting. In 1926 it was valued at Tls. 29,633,000 as against Tls. 3,724,000 in 1921, the list now comprising building materials, i.e., cement and window glass; candles, electric lamps, electrical materials and fittings; match-making materials and matches; soap, photographic and printing materials, i.e., type. This development is, of course, part of the country's country's industrial growth, in connection with which the Statistical Secretary of the Chinese Customs in his latest report says: "The need for modern machinery and the wish to acquire it are ever present in China. At the least lull in the political crisis inquiries come forth."

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NAVAL AND MILITARY ITEMS.

RESERVISTS IN SHANGHAI DEFENCE FORCE.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

In connection with the service in China of soldiers recalled to the Colours, and the approaching return to England of a number of them, it has been decided that time with the Shanghai Defence Force will count as continuous Reserve service towards the completion of the term of engagement in the Reserve. In the event of a Section A man not having completed his Reserve service when sent home from China, he will continue in the Reserve until his engagement is completed. About a thousand men will go home during the winter.

A new turbine course for officers of the engineer branch began on September 26th at Portsmouth. Among those appointed for it is Commander (E) V. J. H. H. Sankey, who was promoted at the New Year, after being Assistant to the Chief Engineer at Hong Kong Dockyard.

At Chatham Dockyard on September 26th Engineer-Captain, E. G. Pallott, D.S.O., took over the duties of Manager of the Engineering Department. He was Chief Engineer at Hong Kong Dockyard until December last, and has since been employed on special service.

Among appointments of Royal Marine officers is that of Captain J. H. G. Willis from Portsmouth, to the cruiser *Durban*, in China.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22nd.

Plague.

1 death at Bombay.
1 case at Rangoon.
1 case at Colombo (one infected rat found).
1 case at Bangkok.
Infected rats found at Amoy.

Cholera.

2 cases at Basrah.
1 death at Rangoon.
1 death at Bangkok.
1 death at Shanghai.
6 deaths at Canton.

Small-pox.

4 cases at Bombay and 2 deaths.
7 cases at Rangoon and 1 death.
0 cases at Tuticorin and 10 deaths.
13 cases at Bandjermasin and 1 death.
22 cases at Samarinda.

RUBBER AND MINING.

DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends on rubber and mining share:—
Kempas: 10 per cent. final, making 35 per cent. for the year.
Mandai-Tekong: 5 per cent. final, making 10 per cent. for the year.
Petaling: 5½ (4th) interim.

A special feature of last year's trade was the interest shown in Diesel engines, a "form of power," the report continued, "that is becoming increasingly popular in China because of its reliability and its enormous economy as compared with steam-launches." Demand for this engine derives part of its strength from the multiplication of electric light plants. The total value of electrical materials and accessories imported into China in 1926 was 8.9 million taels, compared with 6.9 million taels in the previous year. Great Britain's proportion of the trade last year being roughly 18 per cent. Most of the electric conduit was bought from us; bells, switches, etc., from Germany and Japan; fans, fittings, dry cells, flash-lights, etc., from the United States, whose proportion of the whole trade was about 17 per cent.

Lost Ground.

Shanghai, of course, does not depend entirely on the Yangtze. It does a large trade with Tientsin, where conditions are more or less normal, and with other northern ports. But until the Yangtze recovers Shanghai's recovery can be only partial. Yet figures for the first six months of the year show that, so far as the United Kingdom's trade is concerned, partial recovery will not make up for lost ground. Our total exports to China (as distinct from Hong Kong), nearly half of which go to Shanghai, are over 43 per cent. less than they were during the first six months of 1923.

"THE TOWER OF LIES."

A FILM OF TRAGIC BEAUTY.

GREAT ACTING BY LON CHANEY AND NORMA SHEARER.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

The producers of "The Tower of Lies," which is showing to-day at the Queen's, have attempted something which has been rarely tried on either the stage or screen. "The Tower of Lies" is undiluted tragedy with no comic relief to soften its effect. There is beauty certainly, and love, but they are used to deepen the tragedy rather than to afford relief.

It is a film which might have very easily been marred by bad acting, and perhaps there is no other screen actor who could have played Jan, quite so well as Lon Chaney does. Lon Chaney has a curious reputation, he has, unfortunately, often been cast for parts in which horror was the predominant characteristic until one began to think of him as a warped and sinister figure to whom a gift for the grotesque and terrible, and a talent for make up have stood in the place of histrionic ability. Jan, the Swedish peasant tenant of a poverty stricken farm, is, as Lon Chaney plays him, another Lear. He, too, is driven wretched by a daughter, a Cordelia of mere human flesh and blood than Shakespeare's shadowy princess.

Perhaps the ending is a little banal, but it is seldom allowed to writer or playwrights to follow their themes to their logical conclusion in the face of the public demand for a happy ending. "The Tower of Lies" is one of the most remarkable films we have seen; it is hardly likely to achieve a popular success, for its meaning is neither too obvious nor such as appeals the mass of those who seek their entertainment in a cinema. But it is nevertheless a triumph for the Metro-Godwin Studio.

One exceedingly interesting aspect of "The Tower of Lies" is the very faithful attempt at realism and truth which is evinced throughout. Such minor details as the baby "glory," who was played by a genuine new born baby, though of little importance to the development of the theme assist enormously in the realism of the story. Claire McDowell as the old mother, Katrina, showed admirable restraint and understanding of her part both in acting and dressing. While Jan's mind had strayed in the mists of fancy, to her remains the rigid inflexible morality of the peasant. Yet Katrina is not by any means an unpleasant character; but she is true to life, rather than fiction. She has no hesitation in her mind; her daughter, sinner or no is still her child, but she will not condone her shame by accepting her money. Love for either husband or child as the romantics know love has no meaning for Katrina, she only feels the urge of protecting maternity for both of them.

The daughter Glory, is played by Norma Shearer who is already established as an actress of considerable skill, and is a very beautiful woman. Here she plays the rôle of the spoiled darling of the little farmstead who becomes the embittered woman of the world, with distinction, and the restraint which marks the whole production.

To all those who are interested in good acting and a story which has the ring of truth, we recommend this film which will not easily be forgotten by any who see it.

The Old Glory.

The topical gazette at the Queen's Theatre shows the start of "Old Glory's" ill-fated attempt to fly across the Atlantic, the Conway Bridge celebrations, the girls' golf championship and a strange deer dance in Kent.

The World and Star.

"The Call of the Canyon" is being shown at the Star to-day, and at 9.15 The Quaints are presenting "Oh Joy." The principal picture at the World Theatre, Gloria Swanson's production of "Madame Sans Gene," the famous play of Napoleon's day by Victorien Sardou and Emile Moreau, begins promptly at the times advertised, namely, with orchestra 5.15 and 9.20, with Chinese interpreter, 2.30 and 7.15.

THE KING'S GRAPES.

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AT HAMPTON COURT.

The royal vine at Hampton Court has been cut, and its grapes are now on sale to the public at five shillings a pound.

This historic vine, planted in 1763, is a Black Hamburger, like the famous King's Vine in Old Windsor Park. The Hampton Court vine is now only allowed to produce about five hundred bunches a year, each weighing from one to two and a half pounds, but the King's Vine this year bears twelve hundred bunches, which average from four to five pounds in weight.

When in its prime, the Hampton Court vine has been known to produce two thousand two hundred bunches of fruit in a single year. About twenty years ago it was noticed that its prolific rate of production was beginning to react upon its general health and stamina, and the annual gathering of a thousand bunches was accordingly thinned down to a couple of hundred.

Pride Of Fontainebleau.

It soon responded to a few years of this drastic pruning, and now goes on bearing a steady thousand or so bunches each year, and maintains a perfectly sound condition, when only five hundred of this quantity are allowed to mature.

Another "King's Vine," though it is no longer owned by a reigning monarch, is France's equivalent of the Hampton Court specimen.

This is the pride of Fontainebleau, and is traditionally supposed to have been planted by Henry IV. Its fruit is considered the finest of its kind in Europe.

A single vine which grows to-day in the Reggio Emilia province of Northern Italy, which is known to be at least a centenarian, and believed to be much older, is probably the most remarkable specimen in the world.

It has a trunk circumference measurement of four feet, and some of its branches reach seventy feet from the trunk. In a good year it yields as many grapes as the average small vineyard.

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Some famous vines were imported from Syria and planted at Welbeck Abbey by the Duke of Portland in the early nineteenth century, and a chronicler, writing in 1868, refers to a bunch sent as a present to the Marquis of Rockingham that weighed nineteen pounds and measured four and a half feet round and twenty-three inches in length.

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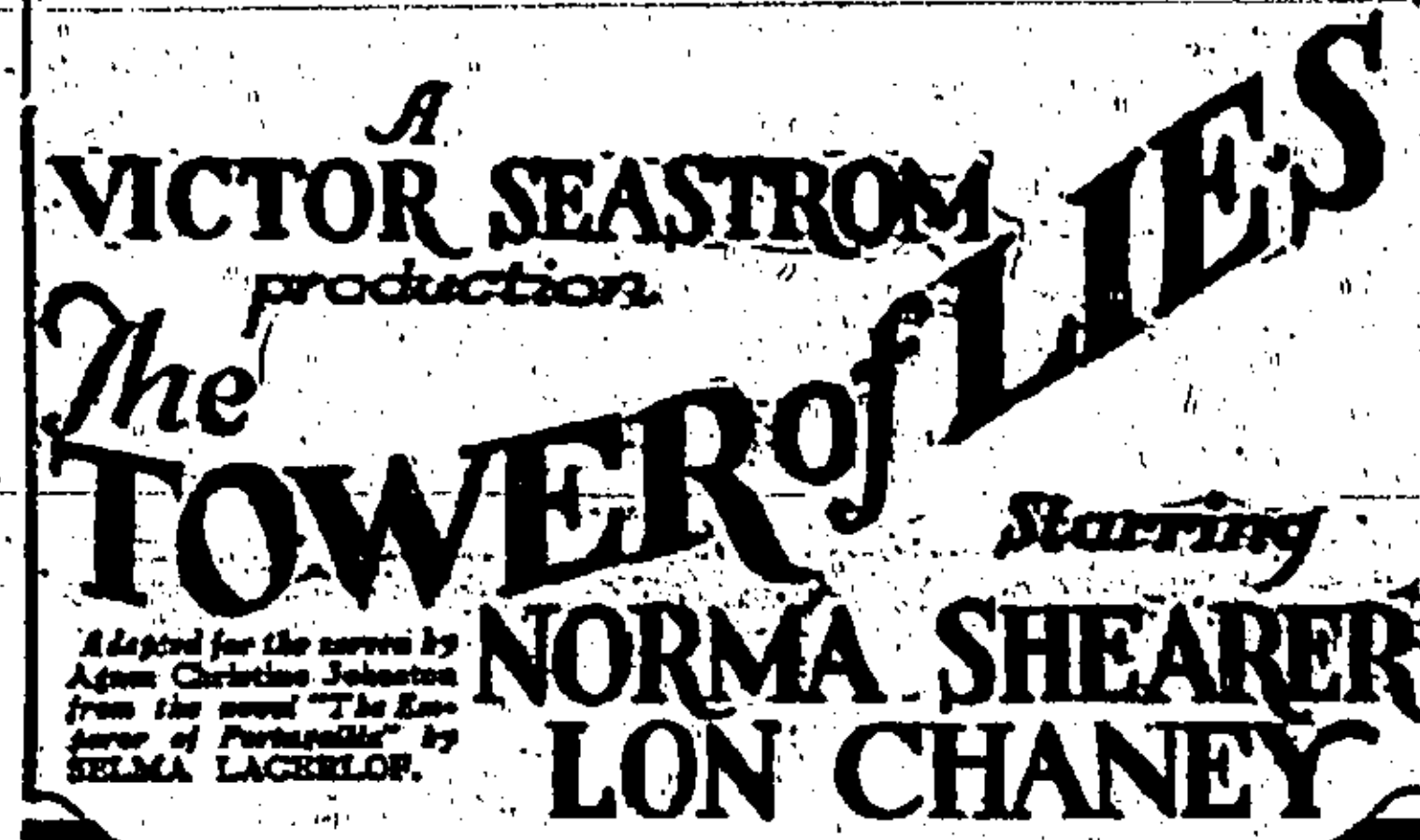
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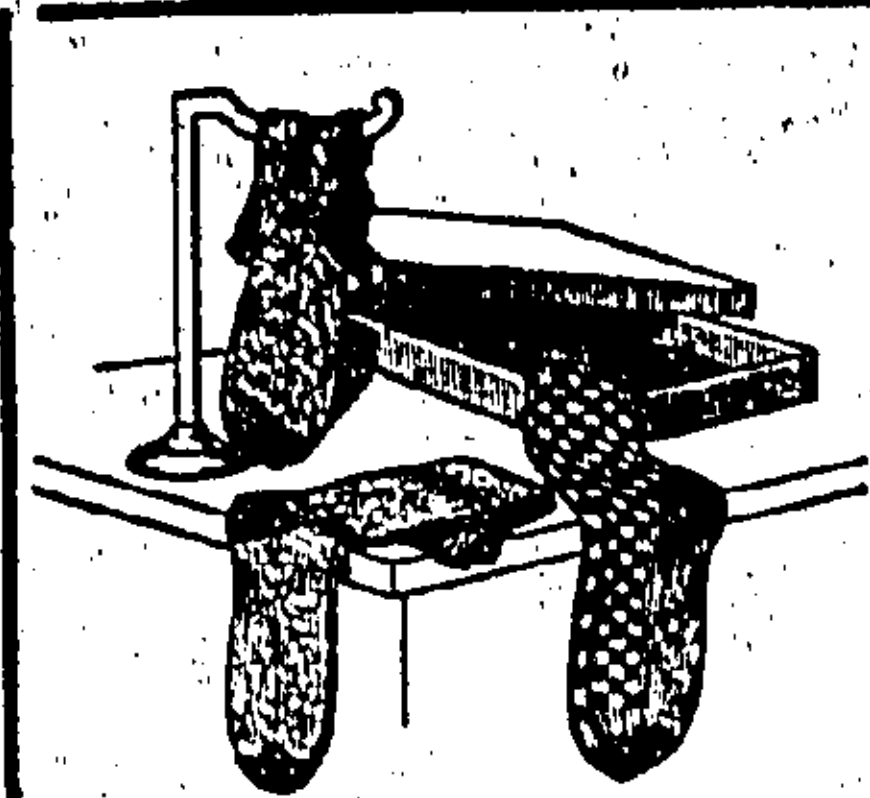
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PROF. C. K. WEBSTER'S ADDRESS AT THE
UNIVERSITY.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS' TRIUMPHS.

Professor C. K. Webster's lecture yesterday afternoon in the Great Hall of the University was a revelation to a large audience, both European and Chinese, of the part that the League of Nations is playing in the politics of Europe.

Nothing could be further from the old type of dry-as-dust lecture than Professor Webster's; he is young and alert, full of energy and enthusiasm, and inspires a singular confidence in his advocacy. His lecture, admirable in form and construction, was delivered without a note, and by no means the least interesting part of the proceedings was the clear and elucidating manner in which the professor dealt with a number of very searching questions, to the satisfaction of all in the room, including those who put them.

Professor Webster attended the recent Pacific Relations Conference at Honolulu in a "watching capacity," but as the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., who presided, wittily remarked, the watchers had a good deal more to say than the watched. Recently he has been studying Chinese affairs at first hand, and two days ago he arrived in Hong Kong as the guest of Professor Hinton whom he met at the Honolulu Conference.

Appreciation Of Hong Kong.

"Hong Kong is a most beautiful place; and it ought to be better known as a resort of extraordinary beauty," Professor Webster remarked to our representative. "It ought to be advertised more to the world, as a place of wonderful scenery and unique charm."

The lecturer was very obviously pleased with his surroundings. For all that it is new, and light, and fresh and that one sees palms and not elms from the windows, and that English and Chinese benefactors in the modern dress of East and West look down from the walls, instead of impressive figures in armour, ruffes, and wigs, the Great Hall is curiously reminiscent of one of the old world Cambridge College Halls where the Professor first studied the past and present affairs of nations. The atmosphere certainly inspired him to an address of great eloquence and lucidity.

THE LECTURE.

"In 1919," said Professor Webster, "I was secretary to the British Military Delegation to Paris. At that time national hatreds were so great that, for example, a French man experienced a physical nausea in being in the same room as a German." Acute economic distress and civil chaos were prevalent over large areas, currencies were fluctuating violently, new states, cutting across old borders, economic and political, were springing into being, full of nationalist ardour, but entirely disregarding of any point of view, but their own. It seemed at that time that civilization would not survive another six months.

The Europe of to-day is by no means an ideal place; but it has to a great extent learned the main lessons of the war. Races that were filled with resentment were now, through their representatives, meeting together to discuss and further the interests common to them all. Europe had been stabilised, and the very fact that great schemes, which could only be carried out co-operatively, had been discussed showed that the nations had travelled a long way, along the road to sanity.

He wished to show the part played by the League in getting men and women of all nations to come together and discuss face to face the problems that must arise in their inter-relations. In this the League had met with outstanding success and it had become the centre of European, and largely of world, politics.

Educating Statesmen.

The League of Nations had been a great educator of statesmen. In 1914 the different Foreign Ministers hardly knew each other. They had no idea how the different men with whom they had to deal would react. Foreign Ministers were for most part overworked men, tied to their desks, vainly trying by sheaves of telegrams to find a solution to the crisis that had arisen. It was no wonder they failed.

Now the Council of the League, on which all the great powers were permanently represented, and nine of the minor powers, temporarily, met four times a year, and the 48 nations were represented met for the full month of September. There, and on the permanent commissions, men of all nations were working together, learning each other's point of view. That was an entirely new thing in world politics.

Rejuvenating Lord Balfour.

The effect on the minds of statesmen had been astounding. The lecturer then gave a very witty account of the rejuvenation of Lord Balfour. At the Council of Paris he had played his part with his old intellectual brilliance. But he spoke as a man who believed that nothing they could do would really solve the problems before them, and as if he himself were merely arguing a case in which he had little interest and less belief. Then at Geneva, he found men who were actually achieving things, whose plans would be translated into action. His step became quicker, his carriage alert. He no longer lapsed during debates into apparent somnolence. Again and again on the Commissions where he did excellent work he would be heard saying, "Gentlemen, it is action, not speeches that is needed."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald before taking office used to speak of the "League of Governments, and not of peoples." When in power he found the League indispensable for the furthering of what he had in mind, the pacification of Europe. While in office he attended every session of the Council and was the first British Prime Minister to go to Geneva. Sir Austen Chamberlain was another notable convert from mild to whole hearted and active approval.

The League was creating a new type of statesmen. It was not that they were growing wings, but they were acquiring a world-wide instead of a merely national point of view.

New Methods.

"As a student of history he had always been struck by the helplessness of statesmen to avert crises, especially in democratic Europe of the 19th century. There were numberless things they dared not even discuss, which held the germ of war. A new, more open technique was developing. Statesmen were gaining new knowledge, new experience in the handling of their affairs."

He remembered in 1921 the Chinese representative supporting a proposal urging India to abolish the culture of opium. The Indian delegate, a speech of great power and eloquence argued that China, while making this request was increasing its growing opium herself. Dr. Wellington Koo, one of the most courteous and charming personalities Geneva had known replied for China in a speech by no means palatable to Englishmen, and with which, as a historian he could not himself wholly agree. But the fact that this great problem could be ventilated in such a manner reflected enormous progress in the conduct of world affairs.

The League had had its set backs notably the withdrawal of the United States, but the entry of Germany was a counter-balancing triumph. The League was of necessity incomplete with Germany, and M. Briand had been one of the first to see that the League alone provided the means of settling the age old Franco-German hostility. In the Locarno Treaty, which had been brought about by the preparatory work of Lord D'Abernon, and later mainly by M. Briand, Dr. Stresemann and Sir A. Chamberlain, Germany had finally renounced her claim to Alsace Lorraine so that the towers of Strasbourg no longer overshadowed Europe.

Professor Webster emphasised that the League, by its constitution was debared originally from taking part in any country's internal affairs, but actually it had come to the economic rescue of both Austria and Hungary, accomplishing it without obtaining the permanent foothold that was sometimes the price paid when single nations, or groups of nations, helped any smaller power in distress. The League did what was needed and withdrew.

The future of the League would not be foreseen. It had been at first received by the statesmen of the war period with a shrug of the shoulders, with contempt as the dream of idealists like Wilson and Robert Cecil. But it had grown in strength, and he would suggest that only by the route that it had mapped out would the world return to sanity and peace. (Loud applause.)

THE QUESTIONS.

In reply to the first question as to whether America's attitude towards the League was being modified the lecturer replied emphatically that it was. In the 32 states he had visited he found keen sympathy with the League and interest in its work. Washington, from at one time ignoring the League, now co-operated in many ways, but owing partly to the complicated nature of the United States Constitution the reversal of present policy, and admittance to full membership must be a long process. America at least, no longer considered setting up any rival institution.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS,"]

SIR.—It is a happy coincidence that while the Imperial Agricultural Research Conference, as telegraphically reported yesterday, is interesting itself in the trials of fertilizers throughout the Empire and elsewhere, this little outpost of Empire is experimenting with a view to increase the productivity of the soil.

Thanks to the co-operation of the nitrate expert of the Chilean Government, Mr. Penafiel, and by kind permission of Lady Ho Tung, experiments are being carried out at Sheung Shui as to the possibilities of nitrates in improving the sterile soil of the New Territories.

Unfortunately, there has been considerable delay in obtaining a sample supply of nitrates though both Mr. Guzman da Cruzaga, the Chilean Consul in Hong Kong, and his successor, Mr. S. de Ossa, who are both keen on giving convincing proofs of the value of Chilean nitrates to the farmers of the New Territories, have done their best to obtain it. Although late, at the beginning of this month, Mr. Penafiel began work in a small piece of land within the exhibition grounds of the forthcoming Agricultural Show. If conditions continue favourable it is hoped the plants will have flourished sufficiently by the first week in December to furnish a demonstration of the differences in vegetables raised with different kinds of fertilizers.

According to present arrangements the official opening of the Show, which is under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7th next.

While Sir Alfred Mond is taking a leading part in the Agricultural Conference in London, his Hong Kong firm is showing practical interest in, and giving material support to, the organisers of the New Territories Show. This being an initial effort in Hong Kong, the promoters will need all the assistance they can get from commercial and other firms in the Colony, and also from individuals, to make the exhibition a complete success.—Yours faithfully,

Hon. English Secretary.

J. P. BRAGA.

Hong Kong, October 28th, 1927.

"THE QUANTS."

"The Quants" opened their short season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night, and an enthusiastic audience gave an excellent reception to "Oh Joy," with which piece the Company opened at the Theatre Royal. To-morrow night the Company stage the popular musical-comedy "No, No, Nanette."

Russia's absence the lecturer agreed was regrettable. But the League was open to Russia on the same terms as to any other nation. Russia had been the League's persistent enemy, trying her best to kill it. He did not wonder, since the League set itself to end the chaos that Russia sought to promote.

As regards the representation of China, about which a Chinese student inquired, Prof. Webster said that the difficulty facing the League was that several Governments existed in China, and statesmen at Geneva were anxious for some compromise between the contending parties as to representation at Geneva of the whole country and not a faction. China was a member of the Assembly and last September had been elected to the Council for two years, despite the difficulty of who should actually take the seat. They felt that it was extremely important to have representatives of a country numbering 400,000,000. They wanted, should China ever desire the assistance of the League's machinery, for there to be statesmen trained in the methods of the League and who had been instructing representatives of other powers in China's problems.

The minor powers were necessarily to some degree overshadowed by the greater, said the lecturer, but before the war they were almost disregarded diplomatically. Now the smaller nations could put their points of view to the world. Combined they might in crises wield a decisive influence.

At the conclusion The Vice-Chancellor warmly thanked Professor Webster for his address, and the audience accorded the distinguished visitor a very hearty vote of thanks.

EX-ACTIVE SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE PAST YEAR.

BOOK LOSS SHOWN ON YEAR'S WORKING.

The annual meeting of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association is to be held at the Club Rooms, Queen's Road Central, next Friday (November 4th), at 3.30 p.m. The report of the Committee to be presented to this meeting has just been issued, and states:—

Membership.

The total membership now stands at 440. During the year 46 new members joined the Association. Death, resignation and departure from the Colony reduced the roll by 25—in addition the names of 73 members whose subscriptions are in arrears have been removed from the list.

Your Committee record with deep regret the deaths of Mr. D. C. Logan, M.C., and Mr. W. Knight. Mr. T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C., and Lieut.-Comdr. L. B. Bishop, R.N., became life members in accordance with rule IV.

Committee.

Mr. T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C., resigned his office as President upon his departure on leave in April last. The Association took the opportunity of presenting him with a small souvenir as a slight token of recognition of his valuable services during his period of office.

The Association were signally fortunate in securing the services of Lieut.-Col. F. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., to fill the vacancy.

Mr. J. A. Gordon-Leask, M.C., resigned from the Chairmanship through pressure of work and Mr. S. C. Meltham resigned from the post of Vice-Chairman on departure for home leave. The Committee take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by these gentlemen during their terms of office.

Messrs. J. Brennan, F. Slemes, W. S. Dixon and T. N. MacReynolds resigned from the Committee upon leaving the Colony. Messrs. R. C. Wilson and J. Murray also resigned.

Messrs. C. L. Edwards, W. C. K. Mackie, C. Pryce and A. E. Eagle were co-opted in accordance with rule V.

Mr. A. E. Eagle has since resigned upon leaving the Colony. The Sub-Committee have again rendered useful service in their respective spheres.

Finance Committee.

This Committee has met every month and have been able to effect one or two economies while at the same time endeavouring to foster projects which would tend to assist in the finances of the Association. They regret to have to show a book loss for the year's working of \$1,647.59 which is a serious matter. On examination of the accounts it will be seen that the profit on the Bar of the Club has decreased from \$8,604.18 in 1926 to \$5,884.05, a difference of \$2,720.10 which can be accounted for by the higher costs of liquor, etc. Sales in the Bar decreased from \$22,809.82 to \$22,323.75 a difference of \$4,486.07.

Bad debts to the extent of \$900.50 have been written off against which bad debts recovered amount to \$985.80.

Wages also have gone up by \$420.35 during the year, and relief by \$132.15. As an offset a saving has been effected in bathing beach account by \$1,210.58, but for which the Association might have found itself in a precarious financial position.

Although the loss shown is considerable, there are certain items which it has not been possible to bring into the accounts under review, principal of which is the profit on the St. Leger Sweep of about \$650 so that the loss shown is more apparent than real. The Committee have hopes that additional income from other sources will be forthcoming while the accounts before you do not yet show the effects of the considerable reduction in rent of the Club premises which has recently been effected.

Armistice Day, 1925.

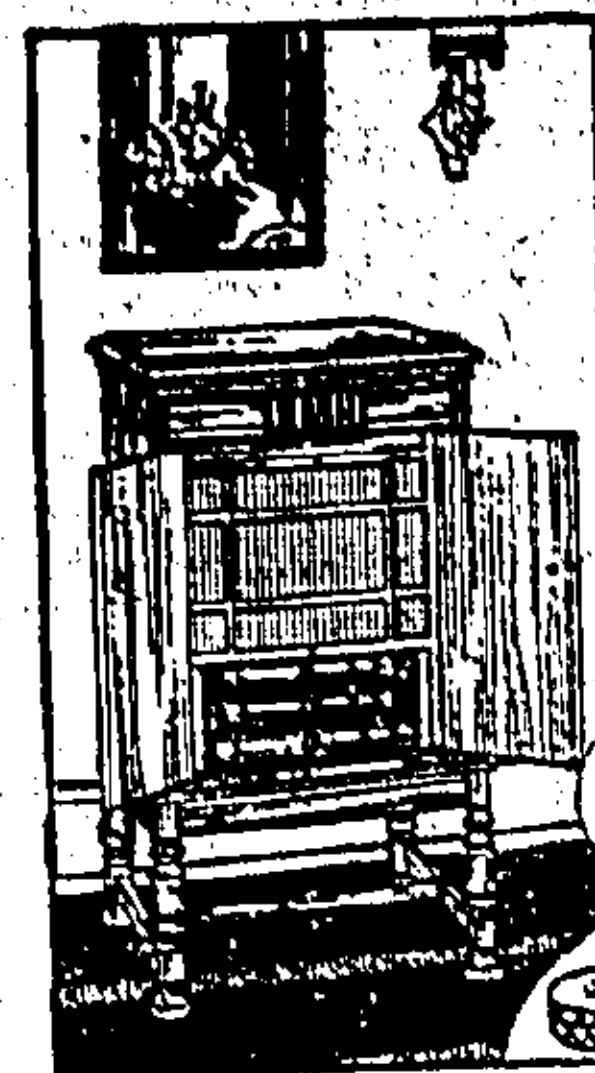
There was a large muster at the Cenotaph Ceremony. The Committee hope, however, that members will attend in still greater numbers on the forthcoming occasion.

The annual dinner was again held at the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters, by kind permission of the Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., and proved to be the most successful ever held. The attendance was a record one and our guests included a large number of Navy, Army and Air Force representatives. Mr. T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C., presided.

Anzac Day.

A wreath from the Association was placed on the Cenotaph by the President who was supported by members of the Association and others interested.

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Club Premises.

The important changes carried out in the previous year has made it unnecessary to expend any further sums upon the premises during the year. Interesting photographs and pictures have been added and thanks are due to the "Wayfaring Turtles" for the Turtle Hunt Frame.

Sports and Entertainments. The Association had a rifle shoot with the Scots Guards which proved to be a most successful meeting. A smoking concert was held in the premises and was an unqualified success. The Association again donated prizes to the Garrison School for their swimming sports.

Bathing Beaches and Picnics.

The bathing beach at Stonecutters was unfortunately not at our disposal this season. There is every reason to hope that when conditions again become normal we shall be able to enjoy the same facilities as in the past. The loss of the beach was to some extent offset by the weekly bathing picnics—in this respect the Club have been well served by their Bathing Beach Sub-Committee and the indefatigable Hon. Secretary. The possibilities of an alternative beach were investigated but found impracticable.

A novel innovation was a Turtle Hunt Expedition which created much interest among the members. Despite the excellent arrangements made several unforeseen incidents occurred which, although not strictly in keeping with Turtle Hunting etiquette, were nevertheless amusing. It is hoped that this outing will become an annual event.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Sergt. Butcher, I/c of Police Launch No. 3, whose timely and seamanlike conduct enabled the expedition to return without having to paddle their own turtles.

Correspondence took place with the launch Company the outcome of which is entirely satisfactory to the Club.

Library.

The Library, as in past years, has been the subject of little interest and no money is paid for its upkeep. Reading is probably the most universal form of recreation and the library should be one of the most important items of the Club's activities.

The thanks of the Club are due to all members who donated books and it is hoped that more members will help the library in this manner. A proposal to form a "War Section" of the library, devoted to books written about the Great War 1914-1918, has been put forward by certain members of the Club.

Approximately 250 books were taken out during the year and according to the library register, the loss by books not being returned is very small.

The following suggestions are put forward with the idea of improving the library:—

- A portion of the Club Funds to be allotted for the purchase of new books, bookcases, etc.
- One boy to be in charge of the library and to be responsible for the care of the books, their issue and return.
- A proper system of filing and indexing to be inaugurated.

**STRIKE PICKETS
DISARMED.****NO TROUBLE.****FURTHER TALK OF MILITARY
OPERATIONS.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

No resistance was offered yesterday when the Police in Canton disarmed another company of strike pickets of the Canton Strike Committee. Hundreds of private houses are still being occupied by members of labour unions, mostly strikers connected with the boycott of 1925 and the Strike Committee organisation, and the police, although armed with warrants to dislodge these non-rent-paying tenants are experiencing some difficulty in regaining the possession of the property for the landlords. Military and civil officials who have been occupying other people's property without paying rent, are being urged to vacate the premises, or "to have a heart" and to pay some nominal rent for the enjoyment of residence.

**ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT
WEAKENING.**

The Provincial Administration in Canton has complied with the request of the Canton Commissioner of Customs to forbid anti-Japanese boycott committee pickets interfering with Customs' inspection of incoming and outgoing cargo. According to a new order by the Administration, no boycott committee picket may interfere with cargo until the Customs authorities have inspected and appraised goods entering or departing Canton.

The Chinese merchants in Canton on Friday refused to submit to the rules promulgated by workers and students for the inspection of Japanese and British goods, and they will themselves draw up regulations to restrict the importation of Japanese and British goods - if necessary. The anti-Japanese and the anti-British boycott committees in Canton are losing power, and the merchants, realizing the futility of further boycotts are evading suggestions of going into further movements of this character. It appears that some Canton strike pickets, while trying to prevent others importing Japanese and British goods are themselves controlling a profitable system of protecting those who buy permits for smuggling such goods.

Honam, the south section of Canton City across the River, is to be partly guarded by troops of the Fourth Army Corps, a division formerly commanded by General Chang Fat Fui. This is the first time that armed forces other than those of General Li Fuh-Lin have participated in the patrol of this particular part of the Southern metropolis.

Militarists in Kwangsi Province have agreed: (1) to attack the Honan Province with General Wong Yuk Cho as field commander; (2) to support General Li Tsai Hsin in Kwangtung; and (3) to request General Wong Shu Hung, the present Kwangsi war lord, to co-operate with General Li Tsai Hsin. General Chang Fat Fui has also expressed his willingness to participate in the proposed campaign against the militarists in Hunan and Hupeh.

Canton's military experts claim that they will be ready to invade Hunan within the next ten days and defeat the forces of General Tang Seng Chi.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Capt. Feng Shao Ming, of the Chinese Navy, will replace Capt. Pan Wen Chi as Commandant of the Navy in Canton.

General Feng Chu Wan, a supporter of General Li Tsai Hsin, is to be act as Mayor, or Chief Commissioner of the Canton Municipal Commission of Canton.

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**TO WELCOME WANG
CHING WEI.****2,000 TROOPS DIS-
APPOINTED.****LEFT FOR CANTON BY THE
"TAISHAN" THIS MORNING.**

Passengers from Canton last night by the s.s. *Lungshan* brought the news that the supporters of Wang Ching Wei were very disappointed at his non-arrival and anxiety was felt for his safety.

When Wang landed here yesterday morning from the s.s. *Kashmir* from the North, he had wired to his supporters at Canton that he was leaving Hong Kong by the *Fatshan*. To accord him a welcome, over 2,000 soldiers, with a big collection of banners, lined the Steamboat Company's wharf yesterday afternoon. They were, however, disappointed for the *Fatshan* arrived at Canton without Wang.

Anxiety was then felt for his safety and two telegrams were at once sent to Hong Kong, and the mystery was deepened when no reply was forthcoming. There was, however, no need to worry for Mr. Wang was all the time quite safe in Hong Kong. It was also stated that since General Chang Fat Fui has been in Canton he has done much to influence the people in favour of Wang, and that he had met with some success was shown by the turn-out yesterday afternoon.

Wang and his party left here by the *Taishan* at 1 a.m. this morning. A large squad of European and Chinese detectives were at the wharf last night.

GREETINGS FROM CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

When Mr. Wang Ching Wei, who still considers himself Chairman of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee of China, arrived at Hong Kong yesterday morning among the Canton officials meeting him on board the *Kashmir* were Commissioner Chan Kung Pok of Civil Affairs of Canton and twelve others, including Mrs. Liao Chung Hoi.

Followers of Mr. Wang believe that he will continue to demand that all members of the Kuomintang Party should respect orders from the party authorities. Mr. Wang, they said, has been much dissatisfied with the lack of discipline on the part of the officials, especially the military, of the Party. General Li Tsai Hsin did not visit Hong Kong to welcome Mr. Wang Ching Wei, but he sent a telegram and a personal delegate with greetings.

Mr. Leung Kwong Yan has been appointed acting managing-director of the Kwangtung Section of the Canton-Hankow (Yue-Han) Railway, in place of Mr. T. T. Lee, dismissed and detained pending trial.

According to a revised schedule of the Canton Administration, the highest officials will receive a maximum pay of \$800 a month, and the lowest, \$300 a month. The grades of the officials will be three in number, and in each grade, there will be three classes.

Police Commissioner Chu Yat Fai has asked the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in Canton to assist him in obtaining \$500 each from the many Chinese insurance companies as contributions towards a fund for procuring modern apparatus for fire-fighting purposes.

Canton Authorities are giving a private company headed by Mr. Lui Yam Shuen, a prominent merchant of Canton and Hong Kong, two months option to begin work on the construction of a race course and an athletic field on the East Parade ground. It is understood that the company will work in conjunction with the Kwangtung Amateur Athletic Association.

Notes issued by the Kuomintang Central Bank in Hankow will not now be recognized by the Authorities in Canton, and persons holding these notes may not negotiate them.

**MORE PIRATE
OUTRAGES.****BOMBS USED TO STOP
JUNK.****FISHERMEN PUT UP PLUCKY
FIGHT.****VICTIMS RESCUED BY S.S.
"SOLVIKEN."**

News of further daring outrages by pirates was brought to this Colony yesterday.

Two fishing junks fell a prey to the robbers. In one case the pirates used bombs, or dynamite sticks, to make the boat stop. The fishermen put up a plucky fight but they were overpowered, and when brought to Hong Kong five of them had to be taken to hospital for treatment.

In the other case, the unfortunate victims were dodged by a series of misfortunes. After being twice pirated, they encountered bad weather and were drifting helplessly in the open sea when picked up by the s.s. *Solviken*.

Pirates Use Dynamite.

Brief mention was made in the *Daily Press* yesterday that a junk had been pirated, about thirty miles off Waglan by a Hoklo pirate boat, and that the master had lost his life.

Full particulars were available when the survivors returned to the Colony. It appears that the junk left Aberdeen on October 21st, bound for Ping Hoi. When about thirty miles from Waglan on October 24th, they noticed that they were being followed by a Hoklo junk, which signalled to the fishing boat to stop saying that it was desired to buy some fish.

While the conversation was going on, five men appeared from the hold of the junk and fired at the fishing craft with revolvers. Instead of stopping, the master of the fishing boat turned to south-east in the hope of getting away. The pirates, however, were not to be shaken off in this way. They at once hurled two sticks of dynamite on the deck of the escaping vessel. This put the crew in a state of panic, and the master was so terrified that he jumped into the water and was presumably drowned. The crew having lost command of their vessel, the pirates were able to board her and once on board they drove the crew into the hold. One *fuki* managed to slip into the water in an attempt to escape but he was noticed and hauled out and thrust into the hold with the others.

The pirates left the junk the same night at about 9 p.m. taking with them money, jewellery and clothing to the value of \$245. Three cannon belonging to the victims, valued at \$700, were also taken away. The pirates sailed in the direction of Ping Hoi.

Of the five men who were taken to hospital on reaching the Colony yesterday, two were suffering from burns caused by the explosion of the dynamite and three had bullet wounds.

**TWICE PIRATED.
SURVIVORS' STORY.**

Another account of the depredations of pirates was given by the master of a Hoklo fishing junk, who related how he and his men fell into the hands of two separate gangs. After losing their ally, this junk had the misfortune to encounter bad weather and was drifting out to sea when the s.s. *Solviken* came into view. This steamer picked up the men and took them to Saigon from where they were brought back to Hong Kong yesterday.

In his report, the master of this ill-fated junk stated that there were only four men on board including himself when they set sail from Hoi Mun, Chiu Yung district, on October 24th. They were bound for Hong Kong, and arriving at Kit Shek Bay on October 28th they anchored there for the night. At three o'clock in the afternoon of the following day, the crew were taking a siesta in the hold and the master was smoking on deck when a small Hoklo boat came alongside. Five armed men boarded the fishing craft and threatened to kill the master if he did not keep quiet.

The master was driven into the hold where his *fukis* were sleeping and there everyone was subjected to a rigid search. Money taken from them in Chinese currency amounted to \$300. The pirates remained on board for about half an hour, and then went ashore at Kit Shek.

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THE "SUNNING" PIRACY.**PRESENTATION MADE TO
OFFICERS.****INTERESTING CEREMONY AT
SHANGHAI.**

The *Sunning* Piracy, and the heroic part played by the officers of that vessel in re-capturing it from the pirates, were recalled at an interesting ceremony at Shanghai on Tuesday.

A presentation was made to Mr. J. S. Hurst, second officer of the *Sunning* when she was attacked, and to Mr. George Cormack, chief engineer, by the Shanghai Marine Underwriters' Association in the offices of Messrs. Beck & Swann, 17, The Bund.

Mr. E. C. Emmett, of the Insurance Department of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. and chairman of the Association, made the presentation, the first to be given in such circumstances for the unique services rendered by the officers in question.

A similar commemoration, it is reported, has been arranged to be held in Hong Kong where the Underwriters' Association will present similar acknowledgments to Mr. T. P. Beatty, who was chief officer of the *Sunning* and the third party to the resistance which resulted in holding the pirates at bay until a rescue was made. Mr. Hurst is at present in the s.s. *Wenchow* and Mr. Cormack is in the *Chungking*, both on the Yangtze river.

It is also understood that the Directors of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire have presented to each of the officers of the s.s. *Sunning* a gold watch inscribed as under:—
"From the Owners in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty. *Sunning* Piracy, November 10th, 1926."

TWO CARS COLLIDE.**TWO PASSENGERS INJURED.**

A collision between two public motor vehicles at Queen's Road West resulted in injuries to two of the passengers. Both drivers were charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with negligent driving.

Mr. J. L. Andrews represented one driver and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks the other. Both defendants pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The solicitors engaged in the case said they did not know of any civil action would be taken against the drivers to the damage sustained in the collision. They pointed out that the men were charged with negligent driving, and that any civil action which might be taken would not be prejudiced by the finding of the Court.

After evidence had been heard, his Worship dismissed the case against both defendants.

ORGAN RECITAL.**IN AID OF THE CATHEDRAL
ORGAN FUND.**

There was not a large, but a very appreciative audience at St. John's Cathedral last evening, when another organ recital was given by Major E. J. Barkham.

During the recital a collection was taken on behalf of the Cathedral Organ Fund.

Major Barkham's programme included part of the overture to the *Lobesang* (Mendelssohn); Bach's "Toccata and Fugue in A Minor"; "Alpine Sketch" and "Solitude," both from the compositions of Cyril Scott; and "Pilgrims March from Tannhauser" (Wagner).

Mr. Frank Austin also gave two solos which were thoroughly enjoyed. "It is enough" (Mendelssohn) and "Lord God of Abraham" (Mendelssohn).

The Second Attack.

After the marauders had left the master decided to continue his journey to Hong Kong. All went well until October 12th, but when near Ping Hoi, another boat within 40 yards distance, and without warning, opened rifle fire. The fishing junk stopped and the pirates came on board. One of them had a dagger and for no apparent reason he immediately stabbed one of the *fukis*.

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A YEAR'S GOOD WORK.**ST. PETER'S CHURCH CLUB.****GARDEN FETE ON NOVEMBER
12th.**

About ten months ago, many of the young people of Hong Kong were at a loss to know how they could get to know each other better and where they could spend their evenings and week-ends. The Colony did not offer a club-house of this kind promoting a friendship among the young folks of every race or creed.

Although there were the European and Chinese Y.M.C.A. and other Recreation Clubs, the need was felt for a Club with membership open to all, irrespective of creed or race. This gap in the Colony's social life was realised by a few enterprising young men, with the result that they got together and in spite of very great difficulties, the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club came into being on February 12th this year.

The Club, it may be remembered, was formed with three objects, first to uphold and further the cause of Christian manhood; secondly, to deepen the spiritual life and power of its members; thirdly, to band Christians together in a common effort to promote the glory of God and to help forward the work of the St. Peter's Church. Coupled with this is the desire to promote opportunity for fellowship and to foster a spirit of brotherhood among its members.

Although the Club is only eight months old, it has done a great deal already and has firmly established itself in the life of the Colony.

One of the Club's great aims is to be friendly and helpful to those who are physically afflicted. It was not very long ago that the inmates of the Kowloon Blind Home for girls were given a day's outing at Shek-O. The happy time spent in the sunshine and the fragrance of the hillside will no doubt be long remembered by the blind girls. They were also much touched by the friendly spirit which prompted the St. Peter's Club members to devote a day solely to their entertainment.

Always to the fore in doing good, the St. Peter's Club is holding a fete on November 12th in the grounds of the Club's premises in aid of funds to enable them to form a new division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, also for the repair of the St. Peter's Church and to give the Kowloon blind girls a Christmas treat.

A new division of the Ambulance Brigade will be really useful in the Colony. Accidents are often occurring in the streets and people efficiently trained to render first aid are often able to save suffering and even life.

Funds are needed and in order to give "something for something," the fete is being organised. There will be plenty of attractions among them a miniature rifle range where shots at a nominal charge will yield successful marksmen very useful little trophies. Two handsome silver cups have been kindly presented by some gentleman who would remain anonymous.

A visit to the fete at No. 1 Oakland's Path on November 12th can be warmly recommended. No matter whether you spend ten cents or \$100, you will have a good return for your money, and know that the proceeds are going to good causes. The St. Peter's Club is working for the betterment of the young people of the Colony and, therefore, is deserving of support.

KOWLOON 'BUS CASE.**SEQUEL TO COLLISION.****DAMAGES AWARDED TO
PLAINTIFFS.**

Judgment was given in the Summary Court yesterday morning by the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) in the case in which the Kowloon Motor 'Bus Company sued Mr. Henry Leung, assistant commander of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., for \$710, this being the amount claimed in respect of damages sustained as a result of an accident on the Castle Peak Road which plaintiffs alleged was due to the negligent driving of the defendant.

The case was reported yesterday, and it will be remembered that his Lordship criticised the Police action in licensing a 'bus which was thought to be top-heavy. He withheld judgment on Thursday in order to consider the bearing on the case of the evidence of Inspector Mason, who suggested that the type of 'bus in question was unsuitable for the work it was called upon to do.

Yesterday, his Lordship held that the defendant was to blame for the accident in that he accelerated before ascertaining the direction in which the pedestrian, who stepped out from the side of the road, was going. Regarding the allegation by the defence of contributory negligence, his Lordship held that even assuming the 'bus was top-heavy this had nothing to do with the collision which was a result of the defendant's swerve.

His Lordship entered judgment for plaintiffs for \$434, with costs. In this case, Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. H. J. Armstrong was for defendant.

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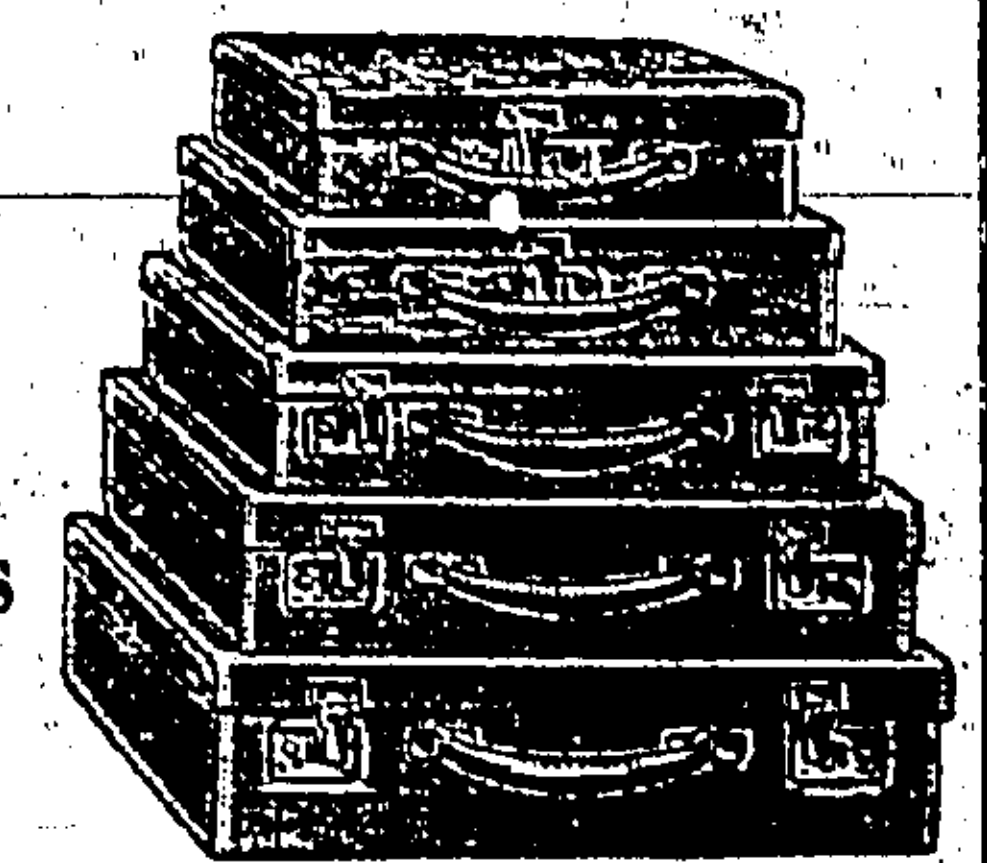
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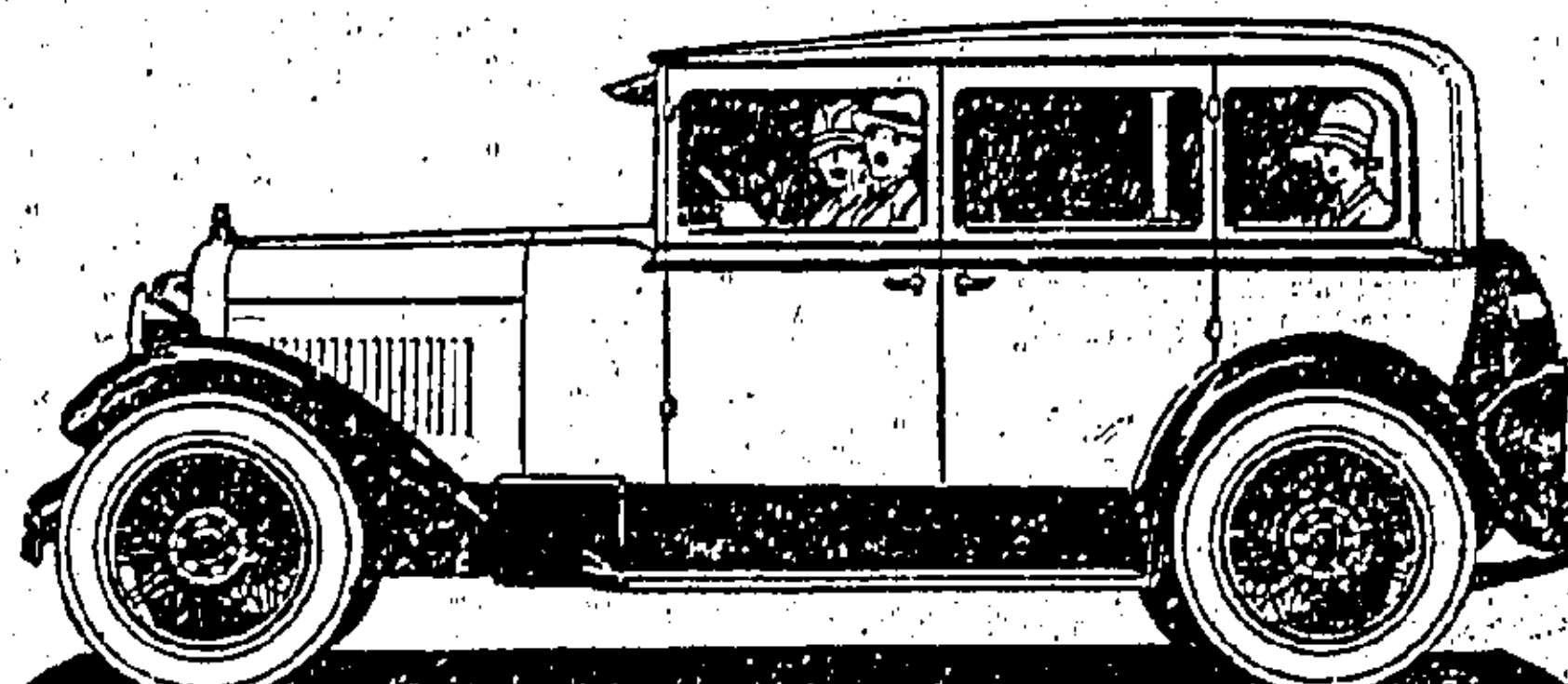
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SICK RUSSIANS.**REPUTATION OF G.C.H. ATTRACTS THEM.****UNWELCOME VISITORS FROM CANTON AND MACAO.**

A Russian named A. M. Tkatchuk was brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of being destitute and without visible means of support.

Sub-Inspector Elston, who had charge of the case, explained that the medical officer of the Government Civil Hospital had a reputation among Russians in the South China ports for his skill. Therefore, whenever the Russians in Canton or Macao needed treatment they invariably came to Hong Kong, either stowing away or begging a passage, which was ninety cents. It was not possible to send these stowaways back by the boat on which they came, because they refused to give the name of the boat.

Sub-Inspector Elston added that if the man's condition was bad, the Superintendent of the House of Detention would doubtless send him to hospital.

Major Willson committed the defendant to the House of Detention.

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cannot themselves make the place

ready for suitable immigrants the

consequences may be serious. South

America, which has many advan-

tages in the matter of closer

proximity to Europe and greater

fertility of soil is bidding strongly

for the good class of immigrants

that Australia is rejecting. Brazil

is even setting aside a large area

for Japanese settlers.

The opportunity to secure many

would-be emigrants from Europe is

still open, but there are keen rivals

in the field. A dwindling or even

a stationary population will no more

hold that great country than the

Red Indians were able to reserve

the whole of North America as their

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CHANG TSO LIN STILL TRYING TO WIN OVER TANG SENG CHI.

DESPATCHES REPRESENTATIVE AND GIFTS FROM PEKING TO HANKOW.

HANKOW HEAVILY GARRISONED BY TANG AND UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

ACTING RUSSIAN CONSUL AT CHANGSHA FOLLOWING IN PREDECESSOR'S FOOTSTEPS.

The Kuo-min-tang's latest *note noir*, Tang Seng Chi, is strongly fortifying himself and his army in Hankow. Martial law has been declared. Peking's dictator is eager to enlist Tang's services and has sent a representative with gifts with the object of furthering his (Chang's) purpose.

Judging by the paucity of news, there has been little fighting at the various fronts.

The Acting Russian Consul at Changsha has evidently been following closely in the footsteps of his predecessor in office in stirring up Bolshevik strife. He is meeting with the same fate, as he has been ordered to be expelled from the province.

ARMY-RESERVISTS FROM CHINA.

AN APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Oct. 28th. Major-General Sir Philip Robertson, in a letter to *The Times*, appeals to employers of labour on behalf of the 400 Army Reservists who recently returned from China, and who have been demobilized.

AN APPEAL TO WU PEI FU.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, October 28th. The Shanghai Provincial Government has telegraphed to Peking suggesting that Honanese mixed troops, who have surrendered to the Shantung side from Feng Yu Hsiang's control, should be passed over to Marshal Wu Pei Fu. They have also telegraphed to General Tang Seng Chi and other Hankow military leaders to urge Marshal Wu to take up "his military baton" in Honan.

In order to improve friendship with General Tang Seng Chi, Marshal Chang Tso Lin is despatching his representative, Mr. Yu Kuo Han, to Hankow to visit General Tang. He is bringing along with him Chang Tso Lin's photo and a lot of valuable presents to be presented to General Tang.

General Chu Pei Teh, the dictator of Kiangsu province, has telegraphed to the Nanking Military Council that he has mobilized his main forces at Kiu-kiang for the purpose of marching into the Hupeh territory against General Tang Seng Chi. His troops at and near Kiu-kiang have in the past few days disarmed a number of Tang Seng Chi's defeated troops. Many political agencies representing the Hankow regime at Kiu-kiang have also been closed by the local police.

MISS ELDER ARRIVES IN SPAIN.

LEAVES FOR FRANCE. CORDIALLY WELCOMED IN MADRID.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MADRID, Oct. 27th. The trans-Atlantic flyer Miss Ruth Elder, arrived here by air from Lisbon, and has departed for Paris.

What Ruth Wore.

MADRID, Oct. 28th. Miss Ruth Elder and Captain Haldeman, escorted by a squadron of Spanish aeroplanes, were greeted at the aerodrome by the American Ambassador and his daughters and the Director of Spanish aviation.

Ruth, who was dressed in light grey breeches, jersey and sailor's cap, was conducted to the officers' mess where her health was proposed by the Ambassador and drunk in champagne. A tea party followed at the Embassy, at which General di Rivera, who exchanged autographed photographs with Ruth, was present.

Subsequently, there was a reception at the Aero Club.

U.S. HELICOPTER OF "REVOLUTIONARY DESIGN."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, October 27th. The Curtiss Aeroplane Company is devoting \$75,000 for the construction of an aeroplane able to rise vertically, of a revolutionary design.

It has undergone wind-tunnel tests, and has demonstrated its ability to rise 1,900 feet per second, having a forward speed of 50 to 70 miles an hour.

CRIME WAVE IN SHANGHAI.

VOLUNTEERS AND "SPECIALS" CALLED OUT TO SUPPRESS IT.

TO SHOOT AT SIGHT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Oct. 28th. The Russian Volunteer Company, mobilised this morning, is picketing the bridges of Soochow Creek and every exit of the Settlement with orders to examine suspicious motor cars and individuals and, if necessary, to shoot at sight.

The special police were also called out this evening for the purpose of suppressing the crime wave especially kidnappings.

ARMISTICE DAY AT MONS.

MEMBERS OF FIRST BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE TO CELEBRATE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, October 28th. A number of men who were in the first British Expeditionary Force in the Great War, will celebrate Armistice Day at the Government's expense at Mons where a short service and two minutes' silence will be observed and the "Last Post" and "Reveille" sounded by trumpeters who fought at Mons. On the following Sunday drumhead service will be held on a spot near Mons where the first British soldiers fell in the War. Seven men who won the Victoria Cross will participate in the pilgrimage.

BRITISH WEST AFRICA MORE HEALTHY.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, October 27th. In 1923 only two officials died of yellow fever in the whole of British West Africa. In Sierra Leone, the so-called "white man's grave," out of 246 European officials, only one died during the year, and he did not die of yellow fever. There had been no case of yellow fever among the European officials reported since the first of January this year in the whole of British West Africa. These striking facts are contained in a report issued by the Colonial Office on the continued improvement in the general standard of health among European Government officials in West Africa. The report states that the average number of European officials employed during 1923 was 3,577. Of these, 31 died, 105 were pensioned, 40 on the ground of ill-health, and 29 were invalided out of the service. The death rate was 8.6 per thousand, compared with 12.1 in 1922. During the 24 years for which the exact statistics have been kept, the average length of service has steadily risen, till now in the case of officers who have been pensioned on account of ill-health or invalided out of the service it is actually ten years and three months. The comparison with 20 years ago is highly significant. In 1903, out of an average number of 1,553 European officials, 33 died after an average service of 3 years and 10 months, the death rate being 21.2 per thousand, while the invaliding rate was 61.1 per thousand and after an average length of service of only 2 years and 4 months.

ESTHONIAN OFFICIAL ON TRIAL.

ALLEGED GIVING AWAY OF SECRETS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

REVAL, October 27th. The trial has opened of Birk, former Estonian Minister in Russia, who is charged with disobeying the orders of the Government, and publishing, in the interests of a foreign State, secrets concerning Estonia.

Members of the Cabinet and the Chief of Staff were present, with the Minister to Moscow, as chief witnesses.

NOBEL PRIZES.

TWO AWARDS ANNOUNCED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Stockholm, October 27th. The Nobel prize for medicine of physiology, for 1926, has been awarded to Professor Johannes Fibiger, of the University of Copenhagen.

The same prize for 1927 has been awarded to Professor Wagner von Jaureg, of the University of Vienna.

THE LOSS OF THE "MAFALDA."

DETAILS OF LATEST MESSAGES.

PERISHED NOW ESTIMATED BETWEEN 200 AND 300.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 28th. The Blue Star liner *Arcadia* has arrived here, and the captain believes that 200, mostly women and children, perished.

The *Arcadia* arrived on the scene ten hours after the *Mafalda* sank and found much floating clothing and luggage but no trace of human beings. The *Arcadia* picked up the information by wireless from other ships. She received one message from Captain Gull consisting of only the word "injured." This confirmed other reports that Gull was hurt while directing the rescue work. Gull's last words sent from the *Mafalda* was: "Great bravery on the part of the crew and all male passengers. We have aboard many women and children and am confident of calming the panic. I will order signal flares to be lighted."

Wireless Operator Locked In Cabin.

The French steamer *Furieuse* which has arrived, says the last message the *Furieuse* received from the *Mafalda* wireless operator, who is believed to have perished was: "I am locked in the radio cabin. Don't know what is happening, except that the captain has ordered me to call for help."

Various Estimates Of Number Missing.

Buenos Aires, October 28th. The agents and owners of the *Mafalda* estimate that 324 are missing, but hope that other ships may have picked up additional survivors.

BAHIA, October 27th.

Thirty-two members of the crew of the *Princesa Mafalda* have been brought in here by the French steamer *Worms*.

They express the belief that the commander, Captain Gull, went down with his ship.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 27th.

Most of the survivors of the *Mafalda* are still at sea, and details of the disaster are still obscure. The crew of the rescuing ship *Mosella* describe the grim struggles of the shipwrecked people in the shark-infested waters. At least one swimmer was drowned.

The electric light failed immediately after the explosion. The groans of the injured and dying were terrible to hear, while the wails of the women, who were praying aloud to the Madonna and were clutching babies to their breasts, filled the darkness with clamour. The panic-stricken jumped overboard.

Stuck To Their Posts.

The survivors and the crew of the *Mosella* loudly praise Captain Gull, the *Mafalda*'s commander, and the wireless operator, who stuck to their posts to the last and are believed to have been drowned. Captain Gull was standing on the bridge as the vessel heeled right over, waving farewell.

One of the rescue ships tied alongside the *Mafalda*, but the sloped on the doomed vessel became too pronounced, and the hawsers were hurriedly parted, lest the sinking ship should drag the other under as well.

BRITISH NATIONAL SAVINGS.

THRIFTY WORKING PEOPLE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, October 28th. The success of the national saving movement, which encourages the purchase by people of small means of savings certificates issued by Government, was referred to at a conference in Manchester yesterday. Working people make purchases by means of small weekly contributions through local associations and the amounts now due to depositors in these organisations exceeds £500,000,000.

GENERAL HO CHIEN.

SENDS A DELEGATE TO NANKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Oct. 28th. The *Kuomin-Hsun* Agency states that General Ho Chien, commanding the 35th Army, has sent a delegate to Nanking to discuss his surrender.

EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.

"SOMEWHAT SEVERE" SHOCK IN NIIGATA PROVINCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Oct. 28th.

The Central Observatory reported a somewhat severe earthquake in the Mishima District of the Niigata Prefecture yesterday morning.

Many houses were damaged and there are large cracks in the roads at many places.

The populace was frightened and slept out of doors.

Hitherto, no casualties have been reported officially, although the vernacular newspapers report that 20 persons were killed and 30 injured.

CHILLED MEAT WAR.

ENDED AFTER TWO YEARS' CUT-THROAT COMPETITION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Oct. 28th.

It is understood that the chilled meat war between the Argentine exporting firms, which has lasted over two years, has ended by agreement. It is hoped, the companies will be on a profit-earning basis early in December. Eight firms are directly affected, the principal being Vestey, Armour and Swift. The breaking up of the March, 1925, Meat Conference, which was formed to control the trade, caused cut-throat competition in order to secure the British market, which was flooded, the prices being below cost. The losses were enormous, but the main difference was the ratio in which exporting firms were to share the trade.

EXPERIMENTS IN BROADCASTING.

A NEW IMPERIAL PROJECT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, October 28th.

A new telephonic broadcasting station, which will work on 24 metres with a corresponding station in the United States will, within a fortnight, be put into service at Chelmsford by the British Broadcasting Corporation. The Station will use a power of 20 kilowatts. It will conduct experiments in short wave transmission over long distances which special reference to probability of Empire telephonic broadcasting.

Mr. Ekersley, Chief Engineer of the Station, states that success in the experiments might lead to a bigger proposition of Empire broadcasting emanating from Great Britain and from the Dominions.

If conditions are favourable a special programme from the Broadcast Company Station, Sydney, Australia, will be received and relayed by British stations on Sunday evening.

GERMAN ECONOMIC LIFE.

SOUND FINANCIALLY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, October 27th. Speaking before the Budget Committee of the Reichstag, the president of the Reichsbank, Herr Schacht, declared that Germany's monetary position and stability of currency were certain so long as the Reichsbank was independent.

The Minister of Economics, Dr. Curtius, quoted figures showing that Germany's economic life, including its guarantees and loans raised for public purposes, was quite sound.

U.S.A. PRESIDENCY.

CANDIDATE FOR REPUBLICAN NOMINATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28th.

Importance is attached to the open announcement that Senator Curtis, of Kansas, the Republican Floor Leader in the Senate, is a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, as it is an indication that one high in the councils of the Republican Party has decided that President Coolidge is definitely out of the running.

THRILLING AERIAL ADVENTURE.

"PLANES FALL LOCKED 2,000 FEET."

PARACHUTE FOR PILOTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Oct. 28th.

Two flying pupils had a thrilling escape when their aeroplanes collided at a height of 2,500 feet. The pilots managed to clamber from the machines and with the aid of parachute safely reached the ground. The aeroplanes fell locked for 2,000 feet before being separated. Both were wrecked.

LONG R.A.F. TOUR.

FROM EGYPT TO NIGERIA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, October 28th.

Three Royal Air Force biplanes left Heliopolis yesterday on a service flight to Kano, Nigeria. They are due to arrive on November 1st, after carrying out manoeuvres; they will return to Egypt on November 25th.

WORLD PEACE.

SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN ON THE LEAGUE'S PRACTICAL WORK.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Oct. 27th.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, spoke on world peace at a luncheon given in his honour by the Aldwych Club. The Diplomatic Corps was strongly represented.

Sir A. Chamberlain said the recent meeting of the League of Nations had attracted in this country for reasons which one could well understand more attention than had usually been attracted by meetings of that assembly. Undoubtedly failure of the three Power naval conference had caused the proceedings of the recent assembly to be viewed with a certain amount of anxiety and additional interest. He had recently read speeches that would lead him almost to suppose that what passed at the meetings of the assembly was unparalleled, and that there was some kind of revolt of the smaller Powers against the greater to a degree of friction and of difficulties unknown and unlike anything which had occurred at any of the assemblies which preceded it.

For himself, the latest assembly seemed very much alike in character to its predecessors. The results of its discussions were distinctly encouraging to those who wished the League to do its work. On this occasion the nations assembled at Geneva had exercised greater freedom in discussing those questions which affected them and that was due not to the fact that the situation was more dangerous, but that representatives of assembled nations were encouraged by the spirit which now prevailed to bring into the light of day the discussion of questions which in more delicate and dangerous moments had been reserved for secret conference.

"The chief result of these discussions," continued Sir A. Chamberlain, is that they have served to concentrate attention more closely on the practical aspects of problems which confront us at the present day and to bring us back from vague phrases and expansive aspirations to deal with those problems patiently, and fulfil those steps which are immediately practicable and reasonable. It would be foolish of me to pretend that the expression of British policy was popular in all countries. We should be foolish to expect unqualified popularity for our policy, and what we must do is to preserve that respect which the British policy has always earned in the eyes of the world.

"There have been some criticism of that policy, especially amongst speakers at home. There is no danger which I hope all men of all parties will seek to avoid. I hope none will desire to make the League of Nations become the subject of party controversy. I hold it to be the duty of every Foreign Secretary to preserve within the measure of what is possible the national policy which, whatever and whenever a change of government may come, will be still a policy which can be pursued with continuity, for upon continuity the success of our diplomacy depends."

Referring to the resignation from the Cabinet of Viscount Cecil, Sir A. Chamberlain said he was not quite sure wherein the difference between himself and Viscount Cecil on league questions consisted. "But if I understand Viscount Cecil, he would be willing to run risks and undertake obligations which it seems to me the trustees of this Empire have neither the right to undertake nor the power to fulfil."

ECHO OF OLDHAM MILLS "BOOM" YEARS.

INCOME TAX COLLECTOR AND "EXCESS PROFITS."

IMPORT APPEAL DECISION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, October 28th.

The Court of Appeal has dismissed the appeal of the Oldham mill manager, George Pickford, against the judgment, that he is liable to pay the Income Tax Excess Profits Duty in respect of profits as the result of his buying, with business friends, four mills in Oldham in 1919-20 and after gaining control "turning over" the undertaking.

The Oldham correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says the decision has caused consternation among those men who will now have to surrender some of their profits of the "boom" period as to which the demands of the Revenue authorities in the Oldham area alone exceed half a million sterling.

The collection will be difficult owing to the great losses suffered by many mills in the district since 1920, and many directors will be obliged to realise on their shares or withdraw money loaned to spinning companies. It is feared that mill share values will decline sharply.

JOCKEY CLUB APPROVES OF TOTALISATOR.

BOOKMAKERS TO BE CHARGED.

EFFECT ON BET TAX COLLECTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, October 27th.

The Jockey Club has approved of the totalisator. The recommendations which have been adopted by the Jockey Club committee, after the evidence of stewards and officials from India, Zealand, and South Africa, provide for an alteration of the existing law to permit the totalisator or pari-mutuel being installed on approved race courses, controlled by the Jockey Club or the National Hunt Committee.

The *Evening Standard* understands that a Bill legalising the totalisator is ready, and is assured of strong support; but in view of the strong opposition anticipated from bookmakers, there is likely to be a race against time if it is to be passed before the Budget. Mr. Churchill is keenly interested in the subject.

The Jockey Club has also decided to charge bookmakers at the race courses fees on a graduated scale.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

"Bookies" Likely To Oppose.

An important decision was reached to-day by Jockey Club. The Club has approved the recommendations of a special committee which was appointed to inquire as to how betting might best be made to contribute to the maintenance of the sport.

These recommendations were, firstly that an alteration in the law should be obtained to permit the totalisator or pari-mutuel being installed on race courses, and secondly that bookmakers should be charged fees on a graduated scale. The Jockey Club, in approving the recommendations, resolved that steps be taken to give effect to them. It is understood that a Bill will be introduced immediately in Parliament with this object. The proposal to establish a totalisator will, of course, meet with strenuous opposition from bookmakers, and the subject promises to be a topic of keen discussion in turf circles.

May Facilitate Bet Tax Collection.

RUGBY, Oct. 28th.

It is anticipated that the installation of the totalisator pari-mutuel on British race courses, in accordance with recommendations of Jockey Club Committee, reported last night, will facilitate the collection of the betting tax. It is expected that the decision will induce bookmakers to reach an agreement on the method of paying the tax and probably they will approach the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the subject. The latter stated recently that he was prepared to consider alternative proposals for collecting the tax, provided they did not involve a decrease in revenue from this source.

OXFORD VARSITY TEAM DEFEATS WARATAHS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, October 27th.

Oxford University beat the New South Wales Rugby football team, known as the "Waratahs," by three points to nil. This is the first defeat the Waratahs have sustained on their present tour in England.

THE WEEK-END SPORT.

WHAT IS ON THE CARD.

A FULL PROGRAMME.

There is a very full programme of sport for this week-end, as will be seen from the fixtures published in our sports pages.

The annual sports of the Scottish Company of the Volunteers take place at King's Park, on the ground of the Central British School. There will be Scottish dancing, and many members of the Scottish community are expected to attend.

There are three Cricket League matches, one in Division I, and two in Division II, and four friendly matches, and in addition an interport trial match on the H.K.C.C. ground. To-morrow there is a friendly cricket match on the University ground.

Particulars of the Football League programme will be found in another column; there is a full programme in all divisions.

There is a Yacht Club cruise this week-end, extending over to-day and to-morrow. The sailing race programme for the season will not begin for another week, but programme for the season will not begin for another week, but the programmes containing the fixtures up to the end of January are to be issued very shortly.

Another attraction will be the annual match between the Hong Kong Rugby Club and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank on the Rugby ground at Happy Valley, beginning at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

To-night, at the Theatre Royal, the first Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association takes place at 8.15 p.m.

To-morrow, at the United Service Recreation Club, a friendly tennis match will be played between the U.S.R.C. and the Chinese Recreation Club.

There are golf championship competitions both at Shek-O Country Club, and at the Kowloon Golf Club.

BOXING.

TO-NIGHT'S TOURNAMENT.

AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

[BY BANTAM.]

The Hong Kong Boxing Association's first tournament of the 1927-8 season takes place to-night at the Theatre Royal, when a number of new boxers will make their appearance.

The programme is an excellent one with Percy Lake as the main draw. Lake has gained a good record in Shanghai, and his 15-round contest with Pto. Nixon of the Marines Transport should be particularly interesting. Lake is a hard and fast biter. He is in splendid condition and the general opinion is that he will win. Nixon, however, is reported to be a very "pugnacious" adversary, and he has any amount of confidence in himself. As the Lightweight Championship of the Colony is the prize both men may be expected to go all out for victory.

Stoker Britt and Stoker Hingworth will contend for the Featherweight Championship. Britt is another boxer who has done well in Shanghai.

A hard logging bout of six rounds should be that between Pte Huff, of the R.A.S.C., and Pte. Hume, of the K.O.S.B. Huff is regarded as slightly the better of the two. He has much ring craft and won the lightweight championship of the Rhine Army.

There will be another six-round contest between Sgt. Lamont of the Hong Kong Police and Stoker Sharpley of H.M.S. Ambrose. Piper Smith, of the K.O.S.B., and Corp. George, of the Scots Guards, will meet in the heavyweight class.

The tournament should draw a good house. There will be plenty of clean fighting.

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

The following is the list of matches fixed for to-day—

League: Division I.

Chinese R.C. v. Indian R.C. "A."

Division II.

University v. R.A.O.C.

Kowloon C.C. v. H.M.S. Tamar.

Friendly.

Interport Trial at Hong Kong C.C. ground.

I.R.C. "B" v. Diocesan Boys' School.

Police R.C. v. Northants.

Recreio v. Hong Kong C.C. 2nd.

Royal Navy 2nd v. Civil Service 2nd.

To-morrow.

Volunteers v. St. Peter's Young Men's Club at University ground at 11 a.m.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

MR. SAYERS XI. v. MR. PEARCE XI.

To be played on the H.K.C.C. ground this (Saturday) afternoon, commencing at 2 p.m. Teams:—

Mr. Sayers XI.—G. R. Sayers, A. W. Hayward, W. Brace, Capt. A. G. Dobbie, F. Goodwin, E. C. Finch, F. B. Reed, S. Jex, Capt. N. A. Thorpe, and Capt. E. W. E. W. Morris.

Mr. Pearce XI.—T. E. Pearce, L. K. Hunt, A. W. Ramsey, Lt. J. B. A. Hankey, Lt. J. H. Dale, C. D. Vales, H. V. Parker, Capt. C. A. Bridgland, J. R. Hinton and B. D. Evans.

ST. PETER'S Y.M. CLUB v. VOLUNTEERS.

The following will represent St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club in a cricket match on Sunday, at 11 a.m. at the University ground (Pokfulam).—E. Zimmerman (captain), J. L. Youngs, J. Barrow, A. B. Hamson, E. F. Finch, W. M. Gittins, S. V. Gittins, C. W. Lam, P. S. Evans, W. C. Hunt, and F. L. Zimmerman.

Craigsgower v. Royal Engineers.

This friendly match takes place this afternoon.

SHANGHAI INTERPORT TRIAL.

MADAI'S FIRST CENTURY.

"THE REST" BADLY BEATEN.

SHANGHAI, October 24th.

Another trial match was played yesterday on the S.C.C. ground between the Interport eleven (with several absentees) and an eleven chosen from the Club and Shafer.

The Interport XI secured 227 runs for two wickets and the Rest completed 137 all out.

The outstanding performance was a score of 101 not out, by the S.R.C. player, P. Madai, in a brilliant innings in which the batsman gave no chance. This is the first century which this promising young player has ever compiled and congratulations were showered on him after the game. His cutting and driving were excellent and it is hoped that he will be able to display the form shown yesterday in the Interport games at Hong Kong, Stokes and Quayle also batted faultlessly getting 50 and 80 respectively.

In the bowling department, C. E. Ollerdesse, who is bowling very well, secured seven wickets for 45 runs. For the Rest, Major Sheppard was the highest scorer with 77, the next best being Lt. Comdr. Reed with 21, both succumbing to Ollerdesse's deliveries.

The scores and analysis are as follows:—

The Rest.

H. A. Browning, b. Isaacs, 10

Major Sheppard, c. Quayle, 77

b. Ollerdesse, 37

Lt. Comdr. Reed, b. W., 21

Ollerdesse, 21

Major Moss-Blundell, b. Wilson, 0

H. Rogers, c. Quayle, b. Ollerdesse, 12

G. A. Stewart, c. Wilson, b. Ollerdesse, 10

P. Carr, c. Stokes, b. Ollerdesse, 6

G. H. Nixon, b. W., 5

G. E. Norman, b. W., 5

Ollerdesse, 9

T. W. R. Wilson, not out, 3

G. M. Billings, b. Ollerdesse, 14

Extras, 17

Total, 227

Bowling Analysis.

C. E. Ollerdesse 18.2 43 7

Stokes 12 4 20 1

Isaacs 10 1 17 0

P. Madai 4.1 1 17 0

T. W. R. Wilson 10.5 3 20 2

Interport XI.

P. Madai, not out, 101

L. F. Stokes, b. Rogers, 50

J. A. Quayle, b. Billings, 60

J. T. Hegarty, not out, 11

Extras, 15

Total (for 2 wks.), 227

E. C. Baker, T. G. Brady, C. E. Ollerdesse, J. A. Isaacs, H. C. Ollerdesse, E. G. Barnes, A. H. Leslie did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Reed 8 0 47 0

Roberson 11 1 40 1

Billings 9 1 30 0

Peck 11 2 40 0

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES AND PROSPECTS.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.

Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

K.O.S.B. v. South China, at Sookunpoo ground. Referee: S. S. Gilbert.

Club de Recreo v. Scots Guards, King's Park. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C. M.M.

Kowloon F.C. v. R.A.F. Railway ground. Referee: Sgt. Rogers.

Queen's Rest v. Hong Kong Police, Chatham Road ground. Referee: Sgt. Hyson.

China Athletic v. R.A. H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

South China "B" v. K.O.S.B. Res. Sookunpoo ground. Referee: S. S. Gilbert.

St. Joseph's v. Kowloon Res. St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Pte. Lamb.

Club de Recreo Res. v. University, King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. Stokes.

South China "A" v. China Ath. Res. H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.

Division II. "B."

Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

Kowloon "B" v. China Athletic, Railway ground. Referee: Pte. Blackwood.

Kung Woo v. Boy Scouts, South China ground. Referee: Mr. Peck.

Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Res. v. South China "A". St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

Moslem Club v. South China "B". South China ground. Referee: R.Q.M.S. Hutchins.

As most of the players of the H.K.F.C. teams are taking part in the Scottish Cup, H.K.V.D.C. sports to-day, these teams will not be out for football.

The game on the H.K.F.C. ground will attract the usual Chinese crowd and even with the increased stand accommodation, the seating arrangements are much below the requirements. The Chinese are supporting the Athletic very strongly this season and their games on the Club ground have been witnessed by enormous crowds.

The selling of tickets has been stepped up since the senior game has started and hundreds have been disappointed. With the R.A. playing a strong game just now the game should be worth seeing. The Athletic on form should win. Last week they were without their right winger, Tso Kwai Shing, but had a big win over South China, the margin being six goals.

The Recreo and Scots Guards meet on the Recreo ground at King's Park. This match was in the fixtures for last week, but the Recreo could not field a side. The game will be fast and strenuous and should be a good one. The Recreo should win. The Guards will last better and the result is very open.

Kowloon should take the points from the R.A.F., although at the time, it is uncertain who the R.A.F. will turn out. Simms appears to be a doubtful starter in the Kowloon side to-day. Kowloon have brought in a couple of players from the Reserves and should give a good account of themselves on the Railway ground to-day.

On the Garrison ground, at Sookunpoo, South China are at home to the K.O.S.B.'s. This game appears to be an easy thing for the Military team, but South China have a couple of nippy forwards and a good pair of backs.

In the Junior Division, South China "B" are also at home to K.O.S.B.'s Reserves on the Garrison ground, and a win for the K.O.S.B.'s is a certainty.

St. Joseph's are at home to the Kowloon Reserves. The visitors go over with a strong side and are confident of returning with the points.

The Recreo Reserves will receive the University at King's Park and the game should be keenly contested. The University beat the Club Reserves last week, while the Recreo went down to the Athletic Reserves by four clear goals.

The game between the Chinese teams on the H.K.F.C. ground, should end in a win for the Athletic.

In the "B" Division, Kowloon receive the Athletic and it is expected that the Athletic will return with the points.

Kung Woo and Boy Scouts meet on the South China ground and a keenly contested game should see the Boys Scouts winning.

St. Joseph's Reserves should win against South China "A", and the Moslem should take the points from South China "B".

RUGBY.

CLUB v. H.K. & S. BANK.

ANNUAL MATCH TO-DAY.

The annual match between the Club and the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank will be played this afternoon on the Happy Valley Rugby Football Ground at 4.30 p.m.

Teams:—

Club:—Backhouse: Pritchard, Bingham, Bichard, Sampson; King, Christolm Batten; Jordain, Andrews, Stephenson, Williams, Cox, Akehurst, Billinghurst, O'Connor.

Bank:—Shannon: Nickelson, Moller, Moodie, Lee, Scott, Swayne; Moncrieff, Baikes, MacIntyre, Beveridge, Groves, Russell, Jardine, and Mead.

HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI. v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

This match will be played on Monday, October 31st, at 5 p.m., on the University ground.

University 2nd XI.—Messrs. A. A. Aziz (Capt.), G. E. Yeh, T. P. Wu, V. Enok, F. Y. Khoo, S. C. Ho, F. Zimmer, S. Kermani, N. F. Lai, K. H. Poh and A. N. Osher.

HOME FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE PROGRAMME.

COMPLETE FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY.

The following is the complete list of fixtures for to-day in the English Football League, and in the Scottish Football League (Division I):—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal v. Bolton Wanderers.

Aston Villa v. Newcastle U.

Burnley v. Sheffield W.

Bury v. Middlesbrough.

Derby C. v. Tottenham H.

Leicester C. v. Cardiff C.

Liverpool v. Blackburn R.

Preston v. Everton.

Sheffield U. v. Birmingham.

Sunderland v. Huddersfield A.

West Ham U. v. Manchester U.

Division II.

Barnsley v. Bristol City.

Fulham v. West Bromwich A.

Hull City v. Blackpool.

Leeds United v. Oldham Ath.

Manchester C. v. Grimsby Town.

Port Vale v. Southampton.

Preston North End v. Chelsea.

South Shields v. Notts County.

Swansea Town v. Clapton O.

Wolverhampton v. Stoke City.

Division III. (Southern).

Bristol R. v. Torquay U.

Charlton A. v. Exeter City.

Coventry C. v. Bournemouth & A.

Gillingham v. Brighton & H.A.

Merthyr T. v. Northampton.

Newport C. v. Brentford.

Plymouth A. v. Norwich City.

Swindon T. v. Millwall.

Swindon T. v. Luton T.

Walsall v. Southend United.

Watford v. Crystal Palace.

Division III. (Northern).

Aberington S. v. Rotherham U.

Ashington v. Chesterfield.

Bradford City v. Stockport C.

Crewe Alexandra v. Bradford.

Darlington v. Wrexham.

Doncaster R. v. Durham City.

Halifax Town v. Tranmere R.

Lincoln United v. Rochdale.

Lincoln City v. Nelson.

New Brighton v. Barrow.

Wigan Borough v. Southport.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Celtic v. St. Mirren.

Dundee v. Dundee U.

Dunfermline v. Dundee.

Falkirk v. Clyde.

Glasgow Rangers v. Hamilton A.

Hibernians v. Airdrieonians.

Partick Thistle v. Hearts.

Queen's Park v. Rangers.

Raith R. v. Kilmarnock.

St. Johnstone v. Aberdeen.

JUNIOR PLAYERS.

Resolutions regulating the movements of junior players from one team to another were passed by the League Management Committee at its meeting on Thursday night. Players who engage in more than two Junior "A" matches, may not play in Junior "B" games without permission, and where clubs have more than one team in a division, players must be specifically registered for each team, and may not be moved from one to another, with the formality of transfer under the rules.

Points were awarded to the Moslem Club in respect of their match with Kowloon "B", which was cancelled.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

9.24 a.m. W. Ironside and J. W. Robertson.

9.29 " C. W. Jeffries and D. Munton.

9.32 " G. H. Wilson and D. Wilson.

9.38 " E. H. Crapnell and F. Taylor.

9.40 " W. K. Tate and J. H. Andrew.

9.44 " A. D. Humphreys and H. A. Lammer.

9.48 " T. Low and F. Cowherd.

9.52 " Col. Badcock and Col. Sutton.

9.59 " A. J. Frank and C. Thwaites.

10.00 " W. L. Dunbar and D. J. Gilmore.

10.04 " N. K. Littlejohn and A. O. Brown.

10.08 " H. L. Carson and J. M. Norrie.

10.12 " E. F. Streathfield and J. Cameron.

10.16 " H. T. Stewart and A. Summerfield.

10.18 " E. J. Mahon and C. Shank.

10.21 " N. H. Procter and R. P. Moodie.

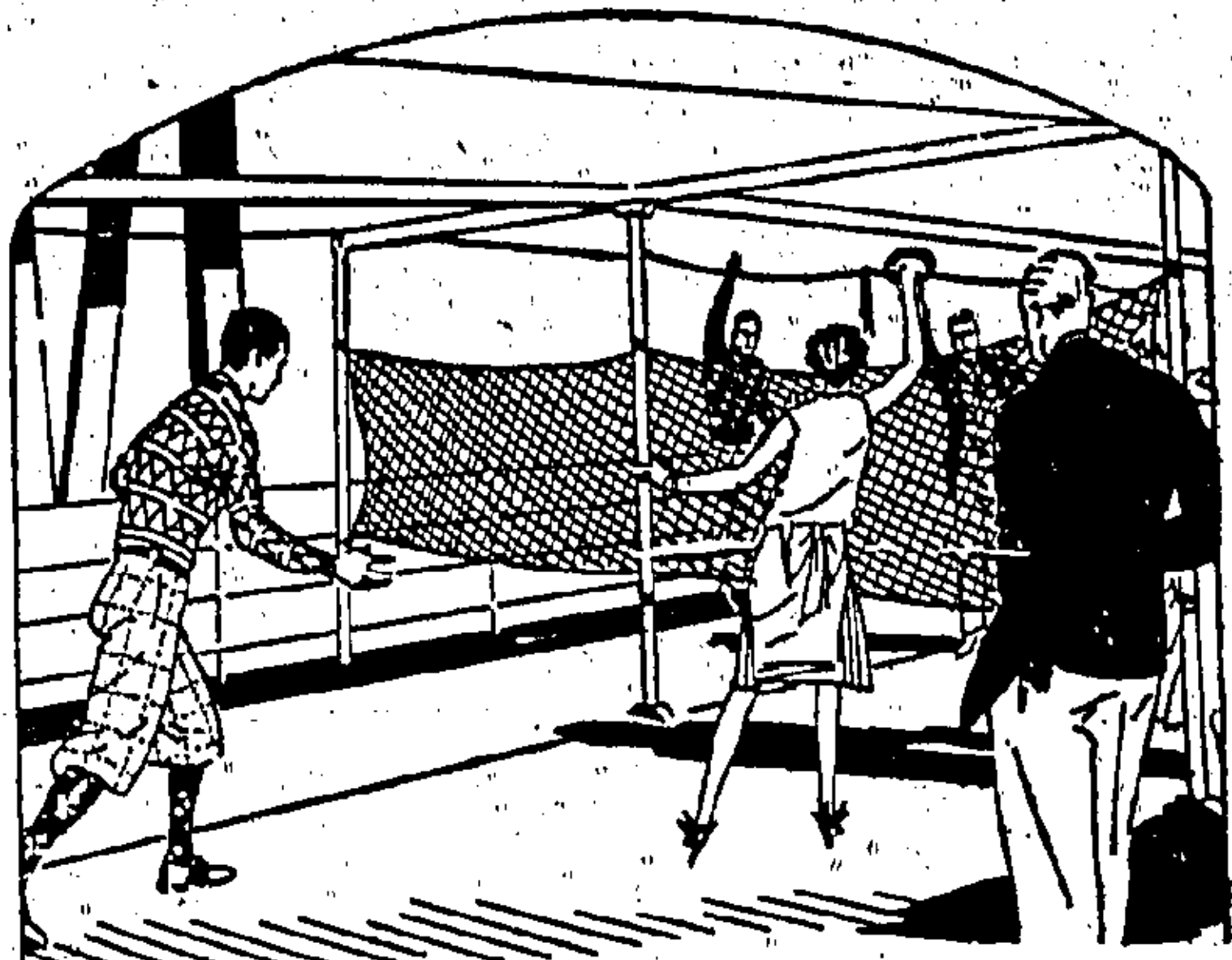
10.28 " A. Leach and T. C. Monaghan.

10.32 " E. D. C. Wolfe and V. M. Grayburn.

10.33 " B. B. Raworth and R. D. Matthews.

10.40 " R. M. Smith and J. H. Little.

10.44 " W. Murray and



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AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANGUI" ...	On 30th Oct.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING" ...	On 30th Oct.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEW CHANG & DALNY	"LUCHOW" ...	On 31st Oct.	8 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"CHINGHA" ...	On 31st Oct.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN" ...	On 31st Nov.	8 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUIHONG" ...	On 1st Nov.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG" ...	On 4th Nov.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING" ...	On 6th Nov.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEW CHANG & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW" ...	On 6th Nov.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN" ...	On 6th Nov.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING" ...	On 7th Nov.	6 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN" ...	On 10th Nov.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW" ...	On 12th Nov.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG" ...	On 13th Nov.	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEW CHANG & DALNY	"YINGCHOW" ...	On 13th Nov.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW" ...	On 13th Nov.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG" ...	On 14th Nov.	6 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG" ...	On 20th Nov.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU" ...	On 20th Nov.	10 a.m.

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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

October 28th.
Ahuhi, British str., 2,090 tons, Capt. G. H. Pennefather, from Singapore, which port she left on October 17th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B13—B. & S.

Coruna, Norwegian str., 1,933 tons, Capt. O. M. Klette, from Chinwangtao, which port she left on October 21st, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B30—Dawell & Co.

Brantford, Norwegian str., 3,447 tons, Capt. Chi. Christensen, from Yokohama, which port she left on October 20th, lying at Nor Point—A.P.C.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. W. W. Hipkin, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B32—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Nam Sang, British str., 2,591 tons, Capt. F. Mooney, from Calcutta and Singapore. The latter port she left on October 21st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Rangoon Maru, Japanese str., 3,637 tons, Capt. H. Aizawa, from Nagoya and Shanghai. The latter port she left on October 24th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Solfrido, Norwegian str., 1,133 tons, Capt. N. Norvalle, from Saigon, which port she left on October 22nd, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44—Fair Yuen Hong.

Sung Bu, French str., 720 tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from Haiphong and Hoiboh, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14—Messageries Maritimes.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Lo Kau, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

Tung Fu, Chinese str., 1,240 tons, Capt. J. Raob, from Canton, lying at Stonecutters—M.B.K.

October 28th.
Beurech, British str., 3,702 tons, Capt. Alex. Webster, from London and Manila. The latter port she left on October 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Fingler, Chinese str., 1,260 tons, Capt. S. Negano, from Chefoo, which port she left on October 22nd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—Yau Tai Hong.

Hani, French str., 630 tons, Capt. Cruchot, from Haiphong and Port Bayard, with coal and rice, lying at Stonecutters—Messageries Maritimes.

Kashmir, British str., 5,534 tons, Capt. R. Malliaue, R.N.R., from Yokohama and Shanghai. The latter port she left on Oct. 25th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1—MacKinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Kojima Maru, Japanese str., 1,308 tons, Capt. F. Taguchi, from Dairen and Tientsin. The latter port she left on October 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15—M.B.K.

Kweichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. H. P. Carver, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C34—B. & S.

Ryoko Maru, Japanese str., 2,191 tons, Capt. B. Uyehara, from Dairen, which port she left on October 23rd, with coal and vermifelli, lying at buoy No. B48—M.B.K.

GERMAN WONDER WARSHIPS.

MOST FORMIDABLE FOR SIZE IN THE WORLD.

SECRET DESIGNS.

London, September 28th.

"Germany is now building warships which, in proportion to tonnage, are easily the most formidable craft in the world," declares the *Daily News* Naval correspondent in giving some of the secret details of the latest German cruisers *Königsberg* and *Karlsmark* launched respectively on March 28th and August 21st.

He says that there are so many new features in these cruisers that the Germans have christened them "Wunderschiffe," namely wonder ships. Their hulls are built of a special kind of steel, the formula being unknown outside the Essen laboratories. It combines lightness with great strength. Weight is further saved by the use of electric welding, instead of rivets. They have a displacement of 6,000 tons, are 334 feet long and 50 feet broad. They will be driven at high speeds on geared turbines of 65,000 shaft horse power working at high pressure. Steam is provided by six oil-burning boilers. At full power the speed will be 33 knots but more is expected.

Amazing Armament.

For purposes of cruising the steam turbines will be cut out, only the Diesel motors being used. They can carry enough oil for a 6,000 mile trip.

The armament is extraordinary. There are nine six-inch guns, Krupp's latest, firing 101-pounder shells at an extreme range of 20,000 yards. They are housed in triple turrets intended for three guns each. Each turret can be loaded and fired as a three-barrelled gun resulting in the fire exceeding the power of the shells. There are also four 1 inch anti-aircraft guns and twelve torpedo tubes. The moderate-sized free board on the upper works is conspicuous. It is possible the object is to reduce the area of the target. There are also special devices for eliminating funnel smoke.

There is little doubt that these cruisers can overwhelm cruisers of much greater size. Moreover their great speed would enable them to avoid an action with antagonists with superior guns. It must be conceded that in the designing of the *Königsberg* and *Karlsmark* German Naval architects have lived up to their pre-war reputation, which was of the highest indeed.

CLEARANCES.

October 28th.

Amfara, for Manila.
Coruna, for Canton.
Hui Ning, for Swatow.
Indu China, for Canton.
Kashmir, for Singapore.
Kwang Chow, for Bangkok.
Kwang Sang, for Canton.
Ling Nam, for Amoy.
Mau Sang, for Sandakan.
Nam Sang, for Amoy.
Sung Bu, for Haiphong.
Stanley, for Shanghai.
Times Maru, for Keelung.
Yungfu, for Port Walait.

SLEEPY SICKNESS.

"DANGEROUS AND UNCONTROLLABLE JUVENILE CASES."

The annual report of the General Board of Control in Lunacy for Scotland comments on the growing number of admissions of young people who have suffered from sleepy sickness.

It states that it may be necessary to provide special accommodation for the juvenile insane in the larger centres. Until recently the number of patients certified as insane under the age of 18 years has been negligible, but owing to the prevalence of sleepy sickness in epidemic form a relatively large number of juvenile patients have developed mental symptoms of an uncontrollable and dangerous nature.

The report adds that encephalitis cases have the prospect of regaining complete mental health.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Shanghai at 1 p.m. yesterday and will leave at 11 a.m. to-day (Saturday). She is due at Nagasaki on Sunday at 4 p.m.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Nagasaki yesterday at 3.30 a.m. and left at 2 p.m. She is due at Shanghai to-day at 5 p.m.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, October 28th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 1 p.m.
Barometer...	29.57	29.94	29.90
Temperature...	79	71	81
Humidity...	63	89	60
Wind...			
Direction...	E	Calm	ESE
Force...	2	0	3
Weather...	B	B	C
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 27th: 80

Lowest open-air Temperature, 28th: 71

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

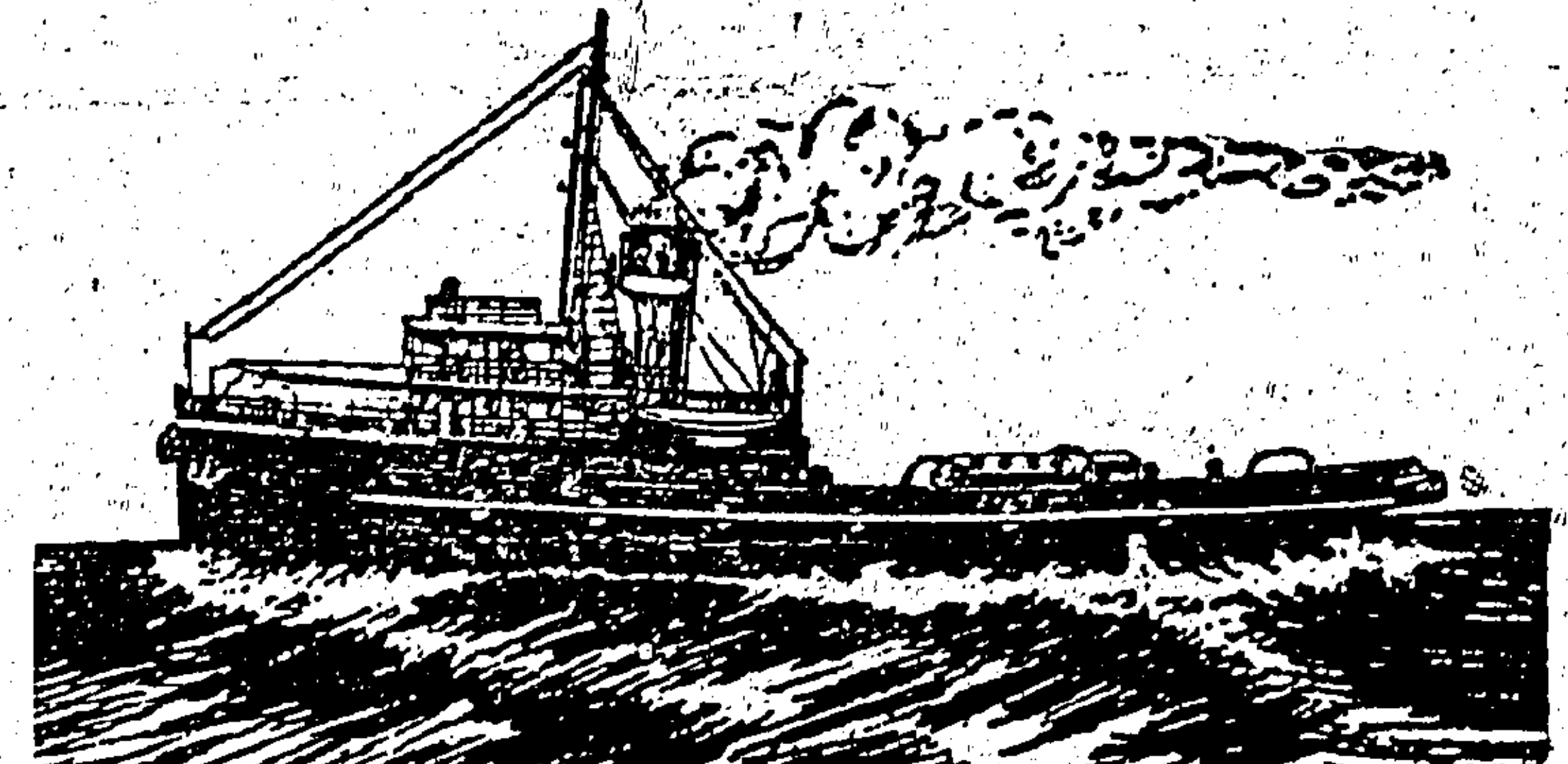
From October 29th to Nov. 4th, 1927.

Day of Week	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	29	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Sun.	30	10 36	7.5	4 31	2.1
		0 39	4.7	6 21	2.2
		11 44	7.5	4 41	2.2
Mon.	31	2 42	4.4	7 14	2.3
		11 45	7.4	4 40	2.3
Tues.	1	—	—	8 27	2.3
		No infer. h. w.	No infer. l. w.		
Wed.	2	0 44	7.2	9 51	2.3
		No infer. h. w.	No infer. l. w.		
Thurs.	3	2 2	7.0	10 57	2.2
		No infer. h. w.	No infer. l. w.		
Fri.	4	3 28	6.5	11 48	2.0
		8 44	5.3	11 12	4.7

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To	Steamship	Date
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWAISANG" ...	Sun., 30th Oct., at 7 a.m.
	"KWONGSANG" ...	Wed., 1st Nov., at 7 a.m.
	"HANGSANG" ...	Sun., 5th Nov., at 7 a.m.
	"YATSHING" ...	Wed., 8th Nov., at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI, ANTUNG & TIENTSIN	"YUSANG" ...	Sun., 6th Nov., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSING" ...	Fri., 4th Nov., at 5 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, S'HAU, MOJI & KOBE	"LAISANG" ...	Tues., 22nd Nov., at 7 a.m.
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	"HANGSANG" ...	Tues., 1st Nov., at 9 a.m.
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	"KUTSANG" ...	Thurs., 1st Dec., at 3 p.m.
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	"HINSANG" ...	Wed., 30th Nov., at 3 p.m.

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 12
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 21	Feb. 24	Mar. 4
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MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd Nov.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 31st Dec.

POMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

SEIYO MARU	Tuesday, 8th Nov.
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SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

BOKUYO MARU	Wednesday, 16th Nov.
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WAKASA MARU	Saturday, 19th Nov.
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ATAGO MARU	Friday, 4th November
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TOYOOKA MARU	Friday, 11th Nov.
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

OSAKA MARU (Omit Penang)	Sunday, 20th Oct.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU	Friday, 18th Nov.
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S.S. "GEMMA"	15th November
S.S. "ZOSMA"	18th December

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S.S. "MADOERA"	30th October
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS NORMAL.

THROUGH CARGO HEAVY.

Although the figures given for yesterday's entry of freights were normal, it was low considering there were no fewer than 21 vessels arriving into port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. Through cargoes, however, were heavy.

The Colony's imports amounted to 19,042 tons. British ships were the smallest contributors; there being only 1,829 tons on five British bottoms.

The two best returns were 4,710 tons on the s.s. *Merik Maru* from Bangkok and 2,300 tons on the *Kojia Maru* from Dairen and Tsingtau.

Through freights totalled 27,194 tons, of which only 6,331 tons were on five British steamers. The s.s. *Tikarung* from Sourabaya was the heaviest carrier with 3,375 tons. The *Rangoon Maru*, from Nagasaki and Shanghai came second in the list with 4,929 tons.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

THE HOME MAIL.

CRUELTY CHARGE AGAINST U.S. CAPTAIN DISPROVED.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

As briefly mentioned some time ago in a Reuter cable, The Federal Grand Jury refused to indict Capt. Crowley under the "cruelty on high seas" Section of the United States' Penal Code.

In the course of his testimony, which was corroborated by other members of the *Manatung's* crew, the Captain said that he signed on Thomas at Southampton reluctantly because he looked too old, but he pleaded that he was starving. From the first night at sea, Thomas behaved most strangely and became so violent that he was looked up, but he escaped flourishing a meat-chopper. He was recaptured, but again escaped.

A heavy sea was running, so to prevent him from jumping overboard, the Captain had Thomas handcuffed. On Thomas again becoming violent, a hose was turned on him. The Captain complained that he was drenched as much as Thomas.

The Captain added that from the descriptions appearing in the Southampton papers, he thought that Thomas resembled a lunatic reported to have escaped from the Isle of Wight.

Wreck And A Shoal.

A wreck has been reported by H.M. surveying vessel *Troguvia* north-westward of Pulo Pisang, lighthouse and in the southern approach to Batu Pahat, lat. 1.42 N. long. 102.58 E., the mast of the wreck is visible above water.

A shoal is reported by H.M. surveying vessel *Troguvia* north-westward of Pulo Pisang at a distance of 12.4 miles 290 fms. from the lighthouse, lat. 1.30 N. long. 102.15 E. (approx.) The depth is reported as six fathoms, mud.

(Continued on next Column.)

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail and Dollar Lines.

President Jefferson, to-morrow.

President McKinley, Oct. 31st.

Australlan-Oriental Line.

Changteh, Dec. 8th.

Taipeing, Nov. 8th.

Bank Line.

City of Osaka, Nov. 27th.

City of Peking, Dec. 24th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Achilles, Dec. 5th.

Antenor, Dec. 15th.

Cyclops, Dec. 8th.

Demidov, Nov. 10th.

Eurydice, Nov. 19th.

Ision, Dec. 30th.

Machao, Nov. 28th.

Mannan, Dec. 6th.

Orester, Nov. 15th.

Patricus, Nov. 11th.

Piemont, Nov. 9th.

Pyrhus, Dec. 10th.

Talkhybia, Nov. 13th.

Tydarone, Dec. 25th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Asia, Nov. 1st.

Home Mails.

Two Home mails have arrived within the last two days. Late on Thursday afternoon, the P. & O. s.s. *Mongolia* came in with the home mail (letters, papers and parcels) via Suez, and yesterday morning the P. & O. s.s. *Kashmir* arrived from the North with Home and Europe mail via Siberia.

The former vessel brought a very heavy mail, landing here no fewer than 423 bags, part of which was for transshipment to coastal ports. Mail from the United Kingdom totalled 60 bags (letters and papers) and parcels were brought in 121 bags. The *Kashmir* discharged 324 bags here, of which 103 bags were for Hong Kong. Of this latter figure, 47 bags were from the United Kingdom, and 44 bags from Europe.

Outward Home mail to-day via Suez goes by the *Kashmir*, and closes at 10.30 a.m., and for Home via Siberia by the *Szechuen*, closing at 2.30 p.m.

Chinese Deck Passengers.

The total number of Chinese deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1,239.

Marine Court.

At the Marine Court yesterday, a boat mistress was fined \$5 for lying alongside the s.s. *Bourbon* in breach of five other by-laws.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were—

North Wall Basin, *Tarantula*, *Somme* and *Sterling*; South Wall Basin, *Thracian* and *Sepoy*; East Wall Basin, *S/Ms. L-15, L-19, L-20* and *L-31*; North Arm, *Dragon*; West Wall Dock, *Maing*; In Dock, *Peterel* and *Tern*; No. 2 Buoy, *Dunne*; No. 3 Buoy, *Stormcloud*; No. 6 Buoy, *Probiaker*; No. 7 Buoy, *Delhi*; No. 8 Buoy, *Ambrose* and *S/Ms.*; No. 11 Buoy, U.S.S. *McCormick*; No. 12 Buoy, *Bluebell*; No. 13 Buoy, *Brue*; No. 18 Buoy, *Ruthenia*; No. 19 Buoy, *Francis*; No. 23 Buoy, *Fortol*; No. 25 Buoy, *Clark* and *Serapis*; No. 26 Buoy, *Sirdar*.

Foreign Men of War—U.S.S. *McCormick*, *McLeash*, *Bulmer*, *Parrott* and *Edoll*; French, *Argus*.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Santhia, Nov. 5th.

Talamba, Nov. 11th.

Dodwell & Co.

Calulu, Dec. 4th.

Lancaster Castle, Nov. 15th.

Vencia, Nov. 10th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Kina, Dec. 17th.

Malaga, Nov. 30th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, Dec. 5th.

Tanda, Nov. 7th.

Glen Line.

Carnarvonshire, Nov. 13th.

Gleniffer, Dec. 8th.

Glenore, Dec. 22nd.

Pembrokehire, Nov. 29th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and

Hugo Stinnes Linien.

Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.

Ermland, Nov. 30th.

Romsee, Nov. 17th.

Fogland, Dec. 14th.

Holland East Asia Line.

Gemma, Nov. 15th.

Zuma, Dec. 13th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Baron Jedburgh, to-morrow.

Typhodis, Nov. 21st.

Tykarung, Nov. 14th.

Tykebanga, Oct. 31st.

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